Small Group Bible Study Questions:
Death, Love, and Eternity (Ecclesiastes 9:1-12). Sermon by Brendan Dick. Nov.16'25

From Brendan: "These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!"

- Welcome everyone and open with prayer.

Icebreaker Question:

- What comes to mind when you hear the phrase **memento mori** ("remember you will die")? Why does that phrase affect people so strongly?

Leader Notes / Helps

- Expect strong emotions — grief, fear, gratitude — when talking about death.
- Keep pointing back to *Jesus' victory over death* as the grounding hope.
- Use discernment on marriage questions depending on group composition.

READ Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

Key point: A realistic view of death awakens us to love fully in the present

What stood out most to you from the sermon or the passage?

- What do you think about the reality of death from the first 6 verses (death destroys everything)?
- Where are you tempted to 'cheat death' and live longer? What is good and what is bad about a healthy lifestyle?

Ecclesiastes 9:7–10 urges us to **enjoy food, drink, relationships, marriage, and work**.

- Which of these is easiest for you to enjoy? Which is hardest?

The sermon said: *"When death feels real, love becomes urgent."*

- What relationships in your life are you being nudged to invest in or repair?
- For those who are married: What part of the "pursue, care, sacrificial love" picture of marriage challenged you the most?

Eternity:

- Why is the Teacher in Ecclesiastes unable to see beyond death? How does Jesus change the entire picture?

What does it mean that *"your labor in the Lord is not in vain"* (1 Cor. 15:58)? Where do you need that encouragement right now?

- Where do you need resurrection hope in your daily life, marriage, or friendships?

Application:

What is *one relational step* (text, apology, date night, deeper conversation) you want to take in light of the urgency of love?