

WEEK 4
Ecclesiastes 9:1-19

## **CONNECT** (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

- 1. Have you ever been involved in a project or situation where you tried to make a difference but aren't sure if you did? Explain.
- 2. Conversely, what is something you contributed to which you know you made a difference?
- 3. What is one thing you would love to be said of you after your life?

## THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

- 4. Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-18. What do you think the author means when he writes in verse 1"their works are in the hands of God."?
- 5. The author writes that a common destiny awaits both the righteous and the wicked (verse 2). Is this an observation from Heaven's viewpoint or from the vantage point of a person 'under the sun'?
- 6. In verses 7-8 what do you think the author means and why?

- 7. Compare verse 9 with Proverbs 18:22; 19:14 and 31:10-12. Are there any similarities or contradictions?
- 8. What do you feel is the lesson of the story he tells in verses 13-18?

## **COMMIT** (BE ON MISSION)

- 9. What is a work or deed you need to place in the hands of God right now?
- 10. Is there anything in your life God might be challenging you to approach with more joy?
- 11. Are there any challenging areas of your life you are approaching in your own strength, but need to call out for God's wisdom?

## PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good." ECCLESSIASTES 9:17-18