**Discussion Guide – Good To Go – How to Have a Good Funeral**

**ICE BREAKER**

Name a couple of things at the top of your “bucket list.”

**DISCUSSION**

* Any memorable funeral stories? What makes them memorable?
* Have you ever had an experience that made you *really* think about your own mortality?
* Be honest—what scares or bothers you most about dying?

**SCRIPTURE**

Read Psalm 90:12.

* Is it morbid to think often about our own funeral? Or is it wise?
* How is embracing the brevity of life related to wisdom?
* Think about the “stuff” of life (relationships, finances, career, retirement, vacations, education, family, hobbies, etc.). Which person has a “good funeral”—the person who applies Psalm 90:12 early on in life—OR—the person who lives purely for the moment and lets the chips fall where they may? Discuss.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon basically says that everything *under the sun* is meaningless.

* Describe *under the sun* thinking. Is *under the sun* all there is? Explain.
* Jesus offers eternal life, a life that transcends the here and now. Describe *eternity* thinking.
* How does having an eternal perspective impact our view of living *under the sun*?
* It has been said that the teaching of Jesus on this issue can be boiled down to this: We are *in* the world but not *of* the world.
* As a group, craft a statement that makes sense of the tension between living our lives *under the sun* (*in* the world) but with an eternal perspective (not *of* the world).

Doug talked about “the essential you”—words spoken at your funeral that describe your life and your legacy. What words do you want others to use to describe you? How should that impact the way you presently live?

C.S. Lewis said, “Aim at Heaven, and you get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth, and you get neither.” Discuss how aiming at Heaven leads to having a “good funeral.”