

GUIDE

“GOODNESS”

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE
2 PETER 1:1, 5-7

01.

As we focused on goodness this week, Pastor Mike talked about partnership with God. Think of human partnerships between spouses, business associates, or even roommates. What factors contribute to a successful partnership? What hinders partnership?

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ◇ Does your relationship with God reflect the characteristics of a thriving partnership? Where do you see room for growth?
- ◇ Psalm 27:18 says, “I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.” Are you confident that good is ahead? Why or why not? What prevents you from trusting in God’s goodness?
- ◇ Pastor Mike said that our ultimate goal is to have the right motivation while aiming at the right target. What are some examples of having the wrong motivation while aiming at the right target? What are some examples of having the right motivation while aiming at the wrong target?
- ◇ The right target is love for God and others. How could you take a next step toward loving God or others more intentionally?

02. ASK YOUR STUDENT

- ◇ How would you define “good” in your own words? How do you think your definition of good compares to God’s goodness?
- ◇ How has God shown His goodness to you, your family, or your friends?
- ◇ Psalm 34:8 says, “Taste and see that the Lord is good. How happy is the person who takes refuge in him!” If you have experienced God’s goodness, how does that help you share His love with others?



03.

DIG DEEPER

HE is good. Quiet yourself before God, let every distraction fade, and think about those three words: He is good. If you enjoy journaling, write “He is good” in the center of a sheet of paper and circle it. Think of categories that reveal the goodness of God – whether in nature, Scripture, the world, your personal life, or anywhere else. Branch off of your circle by writing each category around it. Under the categories, list every evidence of God’s goodness that comes to mind.

Close by praying through Psalm 31, pausing to talk with God about any verses that especially resonate. [For more tips on praying through Scripture, check out [this article](#) in the Grace magazine!]



“My God, Thou art all my good in times of peace, my only support in days of trouble, my one sufficiency when life shall end. Help me to see how good Thy will is in all, and even when it crosses mine teach me to be pleased with it. Thou bottomless fountain of all good, I give myself to Thee out of love, for all I have or own is Thine to do with as Thou wilt, to honor Thyself by me and by all mine.”

PURITAN PRAYERS, FROM
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04. TABLE TALK



+ ELEMENTARY QUESTIONS

- ◇ What are all of the good things that God has done for you?
- ◇ How has Jesus made it possible for us to live our lives for God?
- ◇ How can you share God’s goodness with others?

+ PRESCHOOL QUE

Remember when God made everything?

What did He say after He made each thing? That’s right! He said “it is good”. Goodness is an important quality to God. But we are good and do good things because we love God!

+ FAMILY ACTIVITY

Buy or give your kid a special treat. Talk about how you are the one who gave it to them, but it’s their responsibility to eat it. Explain that God made a way for us to have a perfect friendship with Him but we still have the responsibility of living out that friendship in our lives and actions.

