

The Goodness of God

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, April 23rd 2023



Scripture Reading: Romans 12:2; Philippians 4:4-9; James 1:17

Sharing Focus: The Good News of Jesus Christ is best told as a story. Scripture unfolds the story of God and his work through Christ, and the narrative of his goodness continues in and through our lives today. God has been good to all of us in one way or another. Listen to these stories from members of our congregation testifying to their experience of God's goodness and how they are seeking to share it with others. Pastor David will then invite us to reflect on the goodness of God in our own lives.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Reflect on Dave Howell's story of persevering as a disciple, growing in his faith, and serving Christ despite living with chronic pain. What about Dave's story did you resonate with the most? What challenged you? What inspired you?
2. Reflect on Marnie O'Donnell's story of her and her husband's long journey of getting pregnant through *in vitro fertilization* (IVF). Also, consider how this impacted her faith and motivated her to work with children at Grantham. What about Marnie's story did you resonate with the most? What challenged you? What inspired you? How did God speak to you through her story?
3. Reflect on Christian and Molly Pavlovich's story of God leading them to a new house, a new job, and to minister to their neighbor's kids. What about Christian and Molly's story challenged you, encouraged you, and/or inspired you?
4. Read Romans 12:2 and Philippians 4:4-9 together. It's easy to see all that's wrong in the world. We are bombarded with negative media and messages every single day. Pastor David said the bad things stick like Velcro in our mind. According to the latest neuroscience, if we're going to take in the good and experience God's peace, then we must *intentionally* reflect and meditate on the goodness of God in our lives on a daily basis. How is God speaking to you through these Scriptures and through the words that Pastor David shared with us? What is the Spirit inviting you to do so that you can live more into his peace?
5. Where do you see signs of God's goodness in the world? Be specific.
6. Read James 1:16-17 together. What are the "good gifts" that God has given you? How do you see God's goodness in your own life? Again, be specific.
7. After you've all shared examples of God's goodness in your life, close in prayer together as a group and express your gratitude to God for these things. Also, you may want to close by singing a song together (e.g., *The Doxology*).