



Fresh Fruit: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit: Lesson 7 (Goodness)

February 28th & March 1st Questions primarily from *Fruits of the Spirit* (Peau, Kuhatschek, Eyre, Scazzero)

THE GOODNESS OF CHRIST:

Read Psalm 46

1. What Portrait of God emerges from Verse 1?
2. What kinds of personal events can make us feel like the world is falling apart around us?
3. How does the scene described in verses 4-5 contrast with the previous scenes? What aspects of the city of God seem most inviting to you?
4. Verses 7 and 11 describe God as our fortress. What purposes does a fortress serve during wartime? How is it reassuring to know that our fortress is the Lord Almighty?
5. What active role does the Lord take in the battles we face in life? (Ex. Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 1:3-11; Ephesians 6:10-18)
6. In our active, take-charge culture, the command to “be still” (Psalm 46:10) seems completely out of place. What does it mean to be still before God?
7. How can our obedience to the command to “be still” bring about a more exalted view of God?



DAVID AND MEPHIBOSHETH

Read 2 Samuel 9

8. When have you shown kindness to someone you did not know? Why?
9. What do you know about David and Jonathan's relationship? (Glance through 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-5; and 20:1-3 for more info)
10. Read 2 Samuel 9 – What steps did David go through to find Mephibosheth? (Verses 1-5)
11. How would you describe Mephibosheth?
12. How extensive were the needs that David met?
13. Verse 3 states that David wanted to show God's goodness. How is David's kindness to Mephibosheth like God's goodness to us?
14. Describe a situation in which you experienced God's goodness through a person you did not know. How were you affected?
15. David took risks in showing God's goodness to Mephibosheth. What risks do we take when we express goodness to people?