

## “Good God!”

Psalms 100:5

## Discussion Questions

### A description:

When we speak of God being \_\_\_\_\_, we mean that He is \_\_\_\_\_ sound, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_; He is \_\_\_\_\_ and can always be trusted to do \_\_\_\_\_. (Psa. 100:5; Lk. 18:19)

### Principle #1:

Don't confuse \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. Life is \_\_\_\_\_, but God is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Principle #2:

\_\_\_\_\_ greatest act of \_\_\_\_\_ coincides with \_\_\_\_\_ greatest act of \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 5:8)

### Principle #3:

God's goodness has no \_\_\_\_\_. (Psa. 100:5; Heb. 13:8)

### Principle #4:

Where there is no room for \_\_\_\_\_, there is no room for \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 14:30–32; Job 13:15a)

### Principle #5:

God desires to demonstrate His \_\_\_\_\_ to the world through \_\_\_\_\_. (3 Jn. 11; 2 Thess. 3:13)

1. What are some things in the world that attest to the goodness of God?
2. Has anything happened in your life to cause you to doubt that God is good? If so, what was that experience? As a result of that experience, do you still doubt His goodness? Why or why not?
3. What explanations have you heard from unbelievers as to why people suffer? From believers? Which explanation(s) do you agree with?
4. Review your sermon notes. Which of the five principles is your favourite and why? If you have a least favourite, which is it and why?
5. Why do you think God allows bad things to happen to good people? Why do you think God allows good things to happen to bad people?
6. Non-Christians often do good things. What do you think motivates them to do so? Christians often do bad things. What do you think motivates them (you) to do so?
7. The apostle Paul went through terrible suffering AFTER accepting Jesus as his Saviour (read 2 Cor. 11:24–30), and yet he didn't doubt the goodness of God (read 2 Cor. 4:16–18). What is the key to the apostle Paul's attitude? How can you have this same attitude?
8. Many people who have suffered say that they are actually grateful for the experience(s) because of what they learned about themselves and about God through their suffering. If you have had such an experience, what have you learned from your suffering?



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