

Welcome to **Living In The Goodness Of God!** Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit. It's not necessary to get through or use all of the questions.

Ice Breaker

What is your favorite restaurant and what do you order?

Message Clip

BEGIN WITH PRAYER THEN WATCH THE WEEKLY MESSAGE CLIP

- What stands out to you from this clip?
- How does this apply to your life?

Biblical Focus

READ THE WEEKLY VERSES TOGETHER

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord,
not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an
inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are
serving.
Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

- What do you think of when you think of heaven?
- Take turns sharing things that will not be heaven! Then share things that WILL be in heaven!
- How does your life change when you "keep one eye on heaven" all the time? Do heavenly rewards motivate your daily life?
- Jesus prayed, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." What does it look like for heaven to invade the earth in your family, neighborhood, and city?

Prayer Focus

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS!

Ask the group to share prayer requests. After requests are shared, follow one of the following two options . . .

Option A: If most of your group is comfortable with praying out loud, split into groups of two or three and have them pray for each other individually.

Option B: If the majority of your group is not yet comfortable with praying out loud, simply lead the entire group in praying over each request. Don't hurry! Let the Holy Spirit move and speak in His timing!

(PRAYER TIP: Ask what people experienced during the prayer time. If they received a mental picture, word, or feeling during prayer, many times that is God! Encourage others to share what they experience.)

Want More?

Spend time with Jesus by doing the following exercises, either in your LifeGroup OR on your own during the week:

Step 1) Read 1 John 2:15-17 slowly at least 2 or 3 times until a word, or a phrase, seems to be highlighted or "jumps off the page."

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love is not in him. For everything that is in the world does not come from the Father. The desires of our flesh and the things our eyes see and want and the pride of this life come from the world. The world and all its desires will pass away. But the man who obeys God and does what He wants done will live forever.
1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)

Step 2) What word or phrase is God highlighting to you?

Step 3) Spend time turning those phrases or words God highlighted to you back into prayers.