

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

When was the first time that you experienced the love of Jesus in a real way?

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

You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest.

Psalm 23:5a [GNT]

"God is gently calling you from the jaws of trouble to an open place of freedom where he has set your table full of the best food."

Job 36:16 [NCV]

Discussion Questions

- How do you treat an honored guest when you are hosting them? In the same way, how does God treat you as His honored guest?
- The table symbolizes fellowship with God and his approval. In this life where our well-being is constantly threatened by people and situations where we live and work, why does the table offer hope?
- How does God's fellowship and acceptance give us peace and encouragement when we are surrounded by evil?

Discussion Questions *(CONTINUED)*

- Consider a time in your life (it could be right now!) when you felt people or situations were working against you. How does knowing God was planning your victory banquet before this battle even started give you encouragement to continue in a harsh world?
- What is a promise of God that you can hold on to this week?

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?

Either in your LifeGroup OR on your own during the week, spend time with Jesus by doing the following exercise:

Step 1) Read Psalm 31:19 slowly at least 2 or 3 times until a word, or a phrase seems to be highlighted or "jumps off the page." This is God's promise to use when we are in the valley!

How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.

Psalm 31:19 (NLT)

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

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