

Weekend Message Questions

The Goodness of God

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.

ICEBREAKER DISCUSSION:

- How was your Christmas? What was your favorite part or memory from the holidays this year?
- Do you have any hopes or goals for 2024? What are they?

READ: Psalm 145, James 1:17

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- In your own words, what is “the goodness of God?”
- Have you ever been through a season in life or faced circumstances in which you felt like God and/or His goodness was absent from your life? What was happening? How did you respond?

The very nature of God is good and our faith is fortified when we:

1. Choose to recognize God’s goodness when facing adversity
2. Choose to trust in God’s goodness.

READ: John 16:33

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- “Choose to recognize God’s goodness when facing adversity.” Why is this difficult for most of us to do for ourselves?
- What adversity are you facing now? How can you see God’s goodness in the midst of your situation?

READ: Proverbs 3:5, Joshua 1:9, Matthew 6:25, Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 41:10, Philippians 4:6-7

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- “Choose to trust in God’s goodness.” For you personally, when is it most difficult to trust in God’s goodness? Why?
- “Just because something doesn’t feel good or look good does not mean that it’s not for our good.” When has this statement been true in your life?

DISCUSS:

- Looking back at difficult seasons or circumstances in your life, can you now see how God was present and working in your life? What did you learn in that time about yourself and about God?
- How has God’s goodness impacted your life throughout this past year?

How can you be praying for everyone in your group this week?

Pray to close.

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