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- How have you experienced God's goodness in a tangible way?

After they share, tell them what you heard.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. What difference is there between a Kingdom that's all about being better and doing the right thing, and a Kingdom that focuses on Jesus Himself?
3. What happens when you forget that Jesus is alive and reigning? How do your relationships, your work, your whole life look different when you don't live out of that reality?
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