



INTRODUCTION

PART 5: The Goodness of God

Different religions have differing ideas of what God is like. But who is God? How can we know Him? And what difference does any of it make?

In the Beginning is a series focusing on what God has made known about himself in the first three chapters of the Bible in the book of Genesis. Join us in discovering how life changing this information can be in our relationship with God and with others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think people mean when they say, “God is good?” In what ways has God been good to you?
2. Why do you think a lot of people doubt the goodness of God?
3. How would you respond to someone who said, “If God is good, why is there so much suffering in the world?”
4. How does creation, itself, reveal the goodness of God?
5. Read Psalm 34:8. What do you think it means to “taste and see that the Lord is good?”
6. Read Matthew 5:43-46, Matthew 6:25-30 and Matthew 7:11. What do we learn about the goodness of God from these verses?
7. Read Genesis 3:1-7. What are some consequences to not believing that God is good?
8. Read Matthew 5:16. What is the relationship between God’s goodness and our good deeds?
9. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

God is good, but he’s not just good, he’s out for our good. His creation shows His goodness. Even in the brokenness of this world, God is not looking to withhold goodness from us. He is a God who works in our lives and in this world to restore brokenness to all of His creation. We are recipients of his goodness, and because of this, we should extend His goodness to others.

KEY VERSES

Genesis 1-3
Genesis 1:2
Exodus 33:19
Psalm 34:8
Matthew 7:11
Genesis 3:1-7
Genesis 2:8-9
Romans 8:28
Matthew 5:16