

STUDY GUIDE



August 6, 2017
Message Title: GOODNESS
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Bible Verses:

- Genesis 1:1-27, NIV
- Matthew 19:16-22, NIV
- James 1:17, NIV
- Psalms 31:19, NIV
- Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Key Points

1. Read Genesis 1:1-27

How does the theme of good show up in the scripture?

God created man and woman, blessed us, and gave us power over the animals and the earth.

Why are God's expectation and purpose for us different from the rest of creation?

2. Read Matthew 19:16-26

The young man had a roadblock that kept him from experiencing God's goodness. Do you have anything that is keeping you from experiencing God's goodness?

Today Bryan said that Jesus admonished the young man to challenge him to experience God's goodness.

When has someone helped you grow in your faith journey by challenging or counseling you?

	<p>Is there someone you know who needs counseling to help them correct their course?</p> <p>Start by praying for this person and their situation. Be ready to share with them how someone challenged you to grow. Ask them what their roadblocks are and offer to be there to support them as they overcome what is keeping them from God's goodness in their life.</p>
3.	<p>We should not <u>be good</u> to gain God's favor. We should <u>do good</u> because we have been totally transformed by God's favor.</p> <p>Do you feel like you struggle to please God?</p> <p>How can you reflect God's goodness to other people?</p> <p>Is there something that you can do for someone that might start a ripple effect so the world can see a reflection of Jesus in us?</p>

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