# **GOD IS GOOD**

Discipleship Guide #13/14

#### **TODAY'S GOAL**

• To help your student(s) understand that God is good in that He is active, relevant, and using all things in he/she's life for he/she's greatest good.

#### **OPEN IN PRAYER**

• Pray together and ask God to prepare your hearts to hear from His Word today.

### **EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S ATTRIBUTES**

• Set the foundation for why you are studying the attributes of God. First, read **2 Pet 3:18** together. Then, in your own words, explain the following truth: *what we believe changes how we live* (feel free to share an example). *Therefore, what we believe about God will change the way we think, speak, and act.* Finally, share with your student(s) one way you were change by a growing trust/belief in the character of God during a particular moment of your life. Maybe resting in His sovereignty brought you through a deep depression or growing in understanding of His personability deepened your prayer life. This will give them tangible hope to change themselves!

#### **IDENTIFY YOUR STUDENT'S CURRENT UNDERSTANDING**

• Discuss: **If you were to explain what it means for God to be good, what would you say?** The goal here is to simply get your student(s) minds thinking on this attribute of God. Ask any follow up questions needed. Don't feel a need to land on a solid definition since the next portion of your time will be spent identifying what it means for God to be good in Scripture.

#### SEE GOD'S GOODNESS IN HIS WORD

- Walk through **Psalm 27** together. Start by reading the whole text and then walk through the following questions for each verse section breakdown of the Psalm.
- Re-read verses 1-3 and discuss the following questions:
  - What seems to be David's trial when he wrote this Psalm? (v.2-3a)
  - What does this portion of David's Psalm say about who God is? (v.1)
  - What might cause David to doubt God's goodness in the midst of his trial?
  - What struggles or hard situations in your life have you doubted God's goodness in the midst of?
- Re-read verses 4-6 and discuss the following questions:
  - What is David's response to his trial? What does David seek in the midst of his trouble (v.4)? What truths does David set his mind to (v.5-6)?
  - How can focusing on God's goodness instead of your circumstances impact your perspective?
- Re-read verses 7-12 and discuss the following questions:
  - $\circ$  What does God ask David to do? (v.8)

- What does David ask God to do? (v.7, 9,11-12)
- Re-read verses 13-14 and discuss the following questions:
  - What is David confident of? How might the same confidence in our life bring rest to our trials? (v.13)
  - $\circ$  What is his instruction to others who are facing trials? (v.14)

## **DISCUSS HOW WE CHANGE IN LIGHT OF GOD'S GOODNESS**

- Take the following time to dive deep into how your student(s) struggles to believe this particular attribute of God in their life and how they can grow in trusting God to be whom He claims to be in all circumstances of their life. Sharing your own personal answers to the following question with the student(s) will be extremely beneficial for your time to help them see your failure to trust God in this area as well and ways in which God has proven Himself to you which resulted in your growing trust in His goodness.
- Discuss: Where have you seen God's goodness in your life?
- Discuss: What is an area of your life that you struggle to see and or trust the goodness of the God?
- Discuss: What tends fills your heart when you are not confident that God is good (anxiety, fear, anger...)?
- Discuss: How can the truths we talked about from Psalm 27 change how you view this struggle?
- Discuss: What wrong thinking in your heart do you need to confess and repent of and what right thinking do you need to turn to?

## **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

• Read Psalm 34:8 & Psalm 27:13 and pray in light of these Scriptures.

