



GOD IS GOOD

We want to believe that God is good. We want to believe that God is on our side and way more forgiving and loving than we think. It's truly a shame that too many fear God for the wrong reasons. Is he really out to get us? Does that even make sense? Why would God endure so much suffering if all he wants is to be done with us? Do we really even know God if our understanding of him is negative and heartbreaking? The sun will shine much brighter when we come out on the other side of this discussion. God IS good! Our life here clouds the view, but he is showing us every day how much he is FOR us.

What is it like being around someone whose attitude drains you?

What's the difference being around someone whose attitude fills you up?

TALK ABOUT IT

Growing up, what words would you have used to describe God?

Which of those descriptions came more from experience, teaching, or assumption rather than Scripture?

Why do you think the idea that "God is angry and punishing" sticks so easily in our minds?

How have you seen reward-and-punishment thinking show up in everyday faith?

Read Galatians 1:13–16a

We are no different than Paul. We were all chosen by God to follow him before we were even born. We have the same mission which is to tell the world about Jesus. His love and grace is not reserved for a select few. We were created out of love to live for him.

How does God's treatment of Paul and his past show that he (God) is good?

APPLY IT

Read John 9:1–3

Jesus does not deny consequences—but he rejects the idea that God is a petty scorekeeper.

Why is it hard for us to accept that terrible things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people?

When something goes wrong in your life, what is your *default assumption* about God?

Where do you still feel tempted to believe God is disappointed or angry with you?

How might God be glorified in your life through difficult circumstances?

PRAY TOGETHER

Schedule a short time this week, as often as you want, and try ***silence***.

Read Psalm 100:5 as your prayer.

“For the LORD is good and his love endures forever...”