



WEEK 7: GOODNESS

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Goodness is more than simply making good choices. It is the visible evidence of God's character being formed within us through the Holy Spirit. Jesus perfectly demonstrated goodness by consistently moving toward people with compassion, integrity, and truth. As we abide in Christ, the Spirit aligns what we believe with how we live, producing a goodness that remains steady whether anyone is watching or not. This week we'll explore how God develops His character in us and how Spirit-produced goodness becomes a witness to the people around us.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

Galatians 5:22 (NIV)

Ephesians 5:8-10 (NIV)

Acts 10:38 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 What Is Goodness?

We might hear about the 'goodness of God' but not know exactly what Scripture is saying.

- a. When you hear the word "goodness," what comes to mind?
- b. How have you seen God show that "goodness" in your life?

2 The Example of Jesus

Acts 10:38 describes Jesus as someone who "*went around doing good*" with the power of the Spirit.

- a. What stands out to you about the way Jesus treated people throughout His ministry?
- b. Why do you think goodness often requires action rather than just good intentions?

3 Goodness When No One Is Watching

Ephesians 5 challenges believers to discover what pleases the Lord.

- a. Do you think your character is different in public moments and private ones? Why?
- b. What areas of life are easiest to justify small compromises in?

4 When Goodness Costs Something

Sometimes doing what is right is inconvenient, misunderstood, or costly.

- a. Can you think of a time when doing the right thing required sacrifice?
- b. Why can it be difficult to remain faithful when goodness isn't rewarded?

5 Reflecting God's Character

Jesus said that our lives should point others toward God.

- a. Who has influenced your faith because of the way they lived rather than just what they said?
- b. What would change in your relationships if your first question became, "*What would reflect God's character here?*"

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Goodness is not simply avoiding bad things—it is actively becoming more like Christ.

- Where do you feel the gap between what you believe and how you actually respond in everyday life?
- What part of God's character do you most want the Holy Spirit to develop in you right now?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Helpful practical habits that might follow the theme of curriculum.

Living in God's Goodness—This week, reflect on:

- How God's goodness has shown up in your life.
- How to live out the goodness God shows you to others.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see His goodness more clearly in your life.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:8-10 (NIV), *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord."*

Let the group rest in this encouragement as you close together in prayer.

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