

## Sermon Discussion Guide:

# God is Good

Scripture: **Matthew 5:43–48**

Series: **God Is**

Sunday, February 16, 2020

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### OVERVIEW

When we observe things through worldly eyes, it appears that God is not equitable—that bad people get good things while good people often suffer. However, the problem is with us. We are tempted to develop our theology based on what we can see rather than on what God has said in His word. Scripture makes clear that God is good in His benevolence, grace, mercy, and love to all of creation. This is in spite of the fact that—as fallen creatures—He owes us nothing other than the wrath we have earned. God’s ultimate purpose is not our temporal happiness and comfort, but rather His glory and His people’s ultimate good. **The goodness of God is that perfection which moves Him to deal kindly and graciously with all people.**

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### CORROBORATING TEXTS

Psalm 145:9, Psalm 107:1, Psalm 119:68, Romans 8:28, Romans 5:8, Titus 3:4-7, Psalm 73, Psalm 34:8, Nahum 1:7

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Nahum 1. Verse 7 says God is good. How do you reconcile that with the immediately adjacent passages that promise God’s wrath and vengeance to some?
2. Read Psalm 73. Can you relate to the Psalmist who was envious of the prosperity of the wicked? How and why did going “into the sanctuary of God” change his point of view?
3. Truly knowing God’s goodness requires that we “taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8). What does that really mean? How do you practically taste and see? *[One way is found in John 6:22-59 as Jesus shocks His listeners with the instruction to eat His flesh and drink His blood so that they may live with the Father forever. This illustrates a desperate, daily dependence on Jesus as our refuge and foreshadows the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper, which engages our senses in apprehending the gospel regularly]*
4. What area in your life has caused you to doubt God’s goodness? Can you imagine how that negative experience connects to God’s glory?