



MIRACLE GROW - Week 5 GOODNESS: Discussion Guide

TOUCH BASE - 10 Minutes

- 1) Based on the last 24 hrs how would you fill in the blank: God is _____

- 2) What insights did you gain from this week's chapter or sermon?

TAKE IT IN - 10 Minutes

Watch the video for week 6 entitled "Goodness" on the DVD or at tlc.org/miraclegrow.

Video Notes

Goodness has a Transparent quality. You can depend on a good person because they do what they say and are what they are.

Doing good is the fruit of the Holy Spirit within us. It is not the way in which we earn favor or salvation.

TALK IT OUT - 25 to 35 Minutes

- 1) How would you define goodness? What's the opposite of goodness?

- 2) Who comes to mind as an example of doing what is right and good, even when it was hard or costly?

- 3) Read Matthew 5:14-16
 - a) In your own words summarize this passage.
 - b) Based on this passage what is the result of doing good? What would hinder it?

- 4) There is an African saying "God is good all the time and all the time God is good."
 - a) What does it mean to you that God is good all the time?

5) Read Psalm 107:1 & 119:6 *“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever” “You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees.”* Also read page 99 in the book the middle paragraph starting at “So then to say” thru page 100.

- a) Do you think it is important to have an accurate view of God in order to have a close/healthy relationship with him? If so why?
- b) How would an inaccurate view of God’s character hinder my relationship with Him?

6) In Gen 50:20 Joseph told his brothers *“You intended to harm me (Heb, You intended it for evil), but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done to save many lives.”*

- a) Share a time in your life where God has brought something good out of a bad situation.

7) What other characters in the Bible are like Barnabas "a good man full of the Holy Spirit and Faith" (Acts 11:24)? What do they show us about goodness as a fruit of the Holy Spirit? (Hint: review pages 100-103 in the book.)

8) Read Romans 12:21 *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

- a) What does this mean to you?
- b) What area in your life do you need to put this into practice?
- c) How does this echo what God has done on the cross for us?

TAKE IT WITH YOU - 10 Minutes

- 1) What is one issue in your life that would improve with more goodness?
- 2) What are the steps you need to take to put goodness into action in a specific situation in your life? Such as learning to be good to people who are rude to you or not letting your circumstances get in the way of how you treat others.

CLOSE IN PRAYER