

Life Group Notes

God is good

Read: Psalm 100:4-5; 105:1-2; 46:1; Gen. 1:10,12,18,21,25; John 10:11; Rom. 12:2; James 1:17; Matt. 7:9-11; 17-18; Phil. 1:6; Rom. 8:28; 1 Tim. 6:12, 18; 2 Tim. 4:4; 2 Cor. 9:8; Gal. 6:9-10; 1 Pet. 2:12; Heb. 10:24; Gen. 50:20.

1. The worship leader says “God is good, all the time, and all the time...” expecting a response from you. Are you comfortable with responding “God is good” or do those words sometimes stick in your throat?
2. Pastor Andrew Wilson, who has two young children with regressive autism, wrote: “Singing becomes a fight between the truths you know and the emotions you feel. Pastoral ministry involves you exhorting others to hold onto things you’re struggling to hold onto yourself.” Do you ever struggle between the truths you know and the emotions you feel?
3. We Christians are often quick to thank God for his goodness to us when we escape some potential injury, or receive some blessing. Are we right to do this? (Isn’t God good, PERIOD? Isn’t God good all the time?)
4. Steve read a blog written by a Christian lady named Heather, entitled “Is God good all the time? (Confessions of a former widow). After the death of her father and husband within 9 months, she said, speaking of God, “This was my breaking point with God. I was ready to once and for all denounce my faith in God. I didn’t doubt that He existed; I was just done. I didn’t like Him and didn’t want to have anything to do with a God like this.” Have you ever experienced such raw emotions against God? What changed?
5. Joseph eventually came to understand the reasons for suffering and slavery (see Gen. 50:20). However, it is possible that we never discover (...this side of heaven) what the pain and suffering was all about. How should we react? What did Heather say about the two roads?