

## **God is Good**

**Main Scripture:** Acts 20:16

**Additional Scriptures:** Psalm 34:8, Exodus 33:18-19, Psalm 16:2, Nahum 1:7, Matthew 19:16-17, Psalm 119:68, Psalm 145:9, Psalm 84:11, Psalm 27:13, Psalm 86:5, Psalm 31:19, Psalm 100:5, James 1:16-17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:7-8, Genesis 39:8-9, Genesis 2:16, Genesis 3:4-5, Psalm 73:1-3, 16-18, 23-28

### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- In the preface to his sermon, Pastor Robbie cited Acts 20:16 and asked, “what is the Ephesus in your life that could prevent you from reaching Jerusalem?” In other words, what good things are on your horizon that could become an obstacle or distraction from you reaching the best things?
- All good things come from God. How then do we explain when bad things happen? Cite Scripture if you can to back up your answers.
- Can you recall an instance in your life when it seemed as if everything was working against you, yet God turned it around for good? Share your stories with the small group.
- God’s character, His very nature, is goodness. “His goodness is one of the great barriers against yielding to temptation.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- Meditating on the goodness of God is worship. How can you better incorporate meditating on His goodness into your personal (and corporate) worship of God?
- “I know of no other way to triumph over sin long-term, than to gain a distaste for it, because of a superior satisfaction in God.” - John Piper How do you grow in your satisfaction of God? Is that a discipline or does it just happen? If so, how?

### **Doing: Application**

- Take some time tonight at small group and have everyone choose one or two verses from above and recite them... like you mean it! Let some time lapse in between each verse so that everyone has a chance to meditate on God’s goodness through the hearing of the Word.
- Challenge everyone in your small group to take 5 – 15 minutes a day this week and devote that exclusively to meditating on God’s goodness. Use the Scriptures above and find new ones, but reflect on His goodness and let that permeate your day and week. Come back next week and talk about the effect it had on you.