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Section: Doctrine of God

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q13. Is God good?**

Yes. God is truly, perfectly good.

1. How does the authority of Scripture help you when you’re discussing one of God’s attributes?
2. What does it mean for God to be “essentially” good?
3. Why is God’s goodness worthy of our praise?
4. Does your worship include meditating on God’s character (who He is)? How has this helped your reflection and growth?
   1. If you need help, look at the following statements and think about how they are reflections of God’s goodness, and why they are worthy of our praise:
      1. He is mighty to save.
      2. He is merciful.
      3. He is just.
      4. He is all powerful.
5. Read Romans 3:10-18
   1. It is common to hear people in our culture say, “I think the point of life is that we just need to be good people.” But as we’ve learned tonight, only God is truly good. After reading the Romans passage, do you think we are naturally good? Why or why not?
6. Have you ever been in a situation, like David, where you were sure you would fail, but God made a way for you?
   1. How has God given you grace in your life?
   2. How has God given you struggles that you’ve grow from?
      1. Do you view these experiences as a good gift from God?
7. Are you ever led to believe that God has tempted you to sin?
   1. Read James 1:14
8. How can God be good and suffering exist?
   1. Is this a common struggle with which you wrestle?
9. Why didn’t God ordain that the world remain without sin? What does this have to do with Jesus and our salvation?
10. How does the goodness of God inspire you to see your life as full of blessings?
11. If all that we encounter as Christians is worked together by a good God, what does that mean for our lives?
12. Take some time to share how you’ve been stretched by today’s teaching. If you have questions or a struggle that you want to share, please share it with your group leader.