



Good

Week 2 - Be Good

Discussion Guide

What we think of as “good” is always subject to interpretation. Everyone can define “good” in a different way. So we need a plumbline to be sure we are not just allowing our feelings or experiences to set our standards. God is the arbitrator and judge of what is good and right. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is also perfectly holy. He alone knows what it means to be good.

Jump Start

1. How do you define “good”? What are some things you consider to be good?
2. “*Good to God is obedience.*” God has a specific standard of “good.” **Read [1 Samuel 15:22](#)**. Here we see two options: a “good” option and “the other” option. What is the “good” option? Why?
3. *Obedience reveals our heart posture.* **Read [Matthew 19:16-22](#)**. Why do you think the young man left sad? Do you find it easier to obey God in certain situations, and harder in others? When was it easy to obey? When was it difficult?
4. *Our decision determines our destination.* **Read [Genesis 22:16-18](#)**. What difficult decision did Abraham have to make? What promise did Abraham receive because of his obedience?
5. Final Thought: *The only thing separating you from your promise is your obedience.* Your obedience is more powerful than you think. A simple choice to obey can affect all areas of your life. In what area is God trying to get you to obey right now? Share if you are able; declaring your next steps of obedience to someone helps you commit to acting on those steps and invites others to help you carry out your decision.

Deeper

6. *LISTEN and OBEY are the practical ways that we show we love God. It is how we live out our faith. It is how we show God honor, admiration, and reverent fear. Note different things you learn from the verses below:*

[Deuteronomy 13:4](#)

[Luke 11:28](#)

[Exodus 19:5](#)

[James 1:22, 25](#)

John 14:15, 15:14

Matthew 7:24

Philippians 4:9

Malachi 2:2