

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE GOODNESS OF JESUS
The Gospel of John — Week 31

ICEBREAKER: If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

OVERVIEW: As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ is God, and He possesses all of the attributes of God. He is almighty, all-knowing, sovereign, creator of the universe, and holy. But of all the attributes of Jesus, the one that inspires the most comfort, hope, and love, is that He is good. Jesus is full of grace (Jn 1:14). He is lowly and humble in heart; His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Mt 11:29-30). He came to give us rest (Mt 11:28), and abundant life (Jn 10:10). He came to save us, not condemn us (Jn 3:17). He came to serve, not to be served (Mk 10:45). He is a friend of sinners (Mt 9:9-11). He loves children (Mt 19:14), defends women (Mk 14:6), helps the needy (Jn 5:1-8), is patient with the weak (Jn 20:24-29), and forgives His enemies (Lk 23:33-34). And most importantly, He willingly gave up His life to save us (Mk 10:45). In this discussion we will continue to meditate on unlimited, incomprehensible goodness of Jesus Christ.

1. **Read John 8:2-11.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Why didn't Jesus endorse the execution of the adulteress?
3. Does this story mean that God is against capital punishment? Explain.
4. Does this story mean that God condones adultery? Explain.

5. How does this story illustrate the goodness of Jesus Christ?
6. Besides the crucifixion, can you think of any stories of Christ that illustrate His goodness?
7. Read Romans 8:35-39. What does this passage teach about the goodness of Christ?
8. What does it mean that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ?
9. Do you ever struggle to have faith in the goodness of Jesus? Explain.
10. How has Jesus been especially good to you?

The Last Word: "I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory; To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love."

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