

Daniel 6 / Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-11 — Goodness (Galatians 5:22)

As we seek to partner with the Spirit to make room for His fruit to grow, consider:

- Are there areas in your work or home life or friendships where you need the Spirit to help you be more consistent, transparent and true?
- What is blocking goodness from working and being lived out in your life?
- Think over recent weeks and discern if there's been specific moments you can recognise when you've known what was right but chosen not to follow through? Take time to repent of your lack of action and ask God to help you into the future.

Additional Questions – choose 2-3 to further your thinking.

- What part of the sermon stood out as important to you this week? Why?
- Try to imagine if God were to withdraw all his goodness from you. How would your life be changed?
- Read Psalm 107. How do vv.1-3 introduce the major themes of the psalm?
- The psalmist gives four illustrations of God's goodness in vv.4, 9, 10-16, 23-32. What do each of these illustrations have in common? What needs do the people have in each section? What action in each brings deliverance?
- According to the psalmist, what are some of the ways we should give thanks to God for his goodness and love (see vv.22, 32)?
- Following his reflections on the ups and downs of life (vv.32-42), what things does the psalmist encourage us to heed?
- Matthew 20:1-16 is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. In v.15, the same word for goodness from Gal 5:22 is translated generous (v.16). How is God's generosity different from that of the world?
- How do you feel about this parable? What do we learn about God's character?
- What might Godly goodness/generosity look like in your life if you were to commit to embodying this aspect of God?