Here are several things to keep on your radar:

Build a Family will be our last series with small group questions before summer. We will write questions through Memorial Day weekend (May 27-28) even though the series will go through the weekend of June 17-18. Most school districts end a little before or right after Memorial Day and so we want you to enjoy time with your kids and take a Sabbath rest this summer from groups.

Finish Strong with Attendance.

MAIN POINT

God is the source of all goodness and his goodness causes us to worship him and pursue his goodness in our lives.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

1. What challenged or encouraged you from this weekend’s message?

2. How would you have described goodness before this weekend? How did the weekend message change or deepen your understanding of biblical goodness?

Some ways the world describes goodness. You are the source of goodness, pursuit of knowledge unlocks it (Plato, Greek thought) Knowledge is the source of goodness, pursuit of knowledge unlocks it. Goodness is the source of goodness, pursuit of goodness (in behaviors and motivations and understanding) unlocks knowledge.
Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

3. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. The first addition to our faith is “goodness” which could be translated virtue, moral strength, uprightness, or courage. Why do you think this is the second ingredient? What could eventually happen if a Jesus follower wasn’t intentional about that ingredient?

This concept could also be called “resolve.” Faith is the foundation, and moral excellence becomes the steel columns. Without it, we are not completely committed to Christ. Without it, when difficulties, trials, or temptations come, we will fall.

Here is a helpful link about goodness: http://www.bible.ca/ef/expository-2-peter-1-5.htm

4. What would goodness look like if faith wasn’t the foundation?

Morality without a relationship. Pride without authenticity. The glory goes to me instead of God. If we all lived this way, we would just be a bunch of people out there doing good and making resolutions.

5. Goodness is one of God’s attributes. Read Psalm 145:3-21. List at least 10 traits that exhibit God’s goodness to us. How have you experienced God’s goodness recently? Where have you seen His wonderful works?

This will be a great exercise in good old fashion bible study and exegesis. Just make a list of all the descriptions and activities that God’s goodness brings. Spend some time sharing around the circle how people have experienced God’s goodness.

v. 3 – His goodness causes praise
v. 4-7 – His goodness is seen through this mighty acts. Hearing how God has worked in others lives causes us to praise God.
v. 8 – God’s goodness is gracious
v. 8 – God’s goodness is compassionate,
v. 8 – God’s goodness is slow in anger
v. 8 – God’s goodness is rich in love
v. 9 – God’s good because he is concerned about everyone. “to all”
v. 11-12 – Telling others about God’s goodness causes us to praise him.
v. 13 – God’s kingdom is eternal and everlasting. He is trustworthy in promises
v. 14 – God’s goodness upholds us when we fall
v. 14 – God’s good to those who are humble
v. 15 – God’s goodness nourishes us
v. 16 – God’s goodness satisfies every living thing
v. 17 – God’s goodness is righteous
v. 18 – God’s goodness is seen in his closeness to us in our times of need
v. 19 – God’s goodness is seen in his listening and concern for us
v. 20 – God’s goodness is seen in his justice
6. Proverbs 31:10 says “a wife of noble character is worth more than rubies.” “Noble character” is often translated “virtuous.” Why does having a virtuous spouse, marriage and family worth even more than financial wealth? According to Proverbs 31, what are some of the qualities found in a virtuous wife?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

7. What does moral excellence and virtue look like in your life and your family (speech, actions, choices, and entertainment)?