

Vision: Helping People Win In Life (on the foundation of a Personal & Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ)



Mission: Helping People Win In Life through environments designed to help them take their next steps in Christian Maturity.

Sunday, October 8, 2017
Sermon Notes

IS GOD REALLY GOOD ALL THE TIME? “Living in the Goodness of God” (Series):
Surely Goodness and Mercy Will Follow Me – Part 9
Pastor Bob Washington

Icebreaker: What’s your favorite worship song?

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100:5; Psalm 23:1-5; Psalm 145:9

“The Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation.” Psalm 100:5 (LB)

Psalm 23: *“The Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the right paths for his name’s sake. Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me! Your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ***Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.***”*

“The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.” Psalm 145:9

My Faith IN CHRIST Opens The Door To: God’s Goodness In My Life!

Psalm 86:5 *“You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.”*

3 Truths As A Christian: I Can Have Peace About My Tomorrow Because

1. God's Goodness Is Watching Over Me

Romans 8:28 (TLB)--*“We know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans.”*

Read: Numbers 20:8,11-12; Deuteronomy 27:12

Our Response Should Be: Stay Grateful And Generous

“Give thanks continually to the Lord because he is so good, and because his mercy will never run out.” Psalm 118:29

“We have been given possession of an unshakable kingdom. Let us therefore be grateful and use our gratitude to worship God in the way that pleases him with reverence and awe.”

Hebrews 12:28

ACTION PLAN: Make a plan to be grateful and generous for 30 days (or even 2 weeks) in all areas of your life (family, friends, work, people you see/meet in stores).

2. God's Grace Is Working In Me

Ephesians 2:8 – “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—”

Isaiah 60:10 (TLB) - “I will have mercy on you through my grace.”

Read Psalm 103 which lists the ways God shows his mercy.

Hebrews 4:16 (NCV) " . . . we can come before God's throne where . . . we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it."

Our Response Should Be: Be Gracious To Everyone

Ephesians 4:32 -- "Be gracious and merciful to everyone, and forgive others, just as God has forgiven you because of Christ."

ACTION PLAN: Are there people you are: holding a grudge against? Choose forgiveness and kindness instead of: holding that grudge. Write their name down and pray for them every day this week.

3. God's Glory Is Waiting For Me

Isaiah 63:15 -- “Lord look upon us in heaven where you live in your holiness and glory.”

Acts 7:55 – “But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God....”

Romans 9:22-23 -- " If God wants to demonstrate his anger and reveal his power, he can do it. But can't he be extremely patient with people who are objects of his anger because they are headed for destruction? Can't God also reveal the riches of his glory to people who are objects of his mercy and who he had already prepared for glory?!"

Our Response Should Be: Live My Life For God's Glory

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

"God, in his divine power, has given us everything we need for living a godly life. This power is given to us through knowing Jesus. And He has called us to share in his own goodness and glory!" 2 Peter 1:3

ACTION PLAN: Write down Matthew 5:16 (above) and let that be your life verse for this week.

Outline for Small Group (1 ½ hour)

- I. **Welcome:** Ice Breaker, Light Refreshments (20 min)
- II. **Worship:** Sing 2 Songs, Pray (7 min)
- III. **Word:** Discussion /Overview from preached message & Discussion Questions (43 min)
- IV. **Works & Witness:** What will you do to **serve** others and/or **share** Christ with others? How can you **partner** with your Small Group and/or entire Church? (10 min)
- V. **Win (Testimony):** What next step have you taken or are taking toward spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus? *Connecting, Growing, Serving, Sharing, Worshipping* (5 min)
- VI. **Will (Vision & Prayer):** Share the Vision and Mission of CCMS & Pray (ACTS) – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication (5 min)