

The Goodness of God

Sunday, January 8, 2017

Psalm 145

Speech Acts

Consider ... Bible as 'Speech Act' from God
What are these words trying to do?
Obedience, Repentance, Devotion, Trust
Treat each other well, Relationship

Kind of Life

Picture of Person in this Psalm

- Worship, Praise, Celebrate
- Share, Tell, Proclaim
- Trust, Depend on, Look to
- Pray, Call on

Where does this come from?

- Deep belief in goodness of God

God is Good

His **greatness** no one can fathom (3)

- Might, power, splendor, majesty, awesome

He is **good** to all (9)

- Gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, rich in love

Trustworthy in all he promises (13)

- Faithful, near, hears, saves, watches over

Righteous in all his ways (17)

Thinking About It

Christian Message Clear – God is Good

Christian Experience – Encounter Good God

Experience of Hardship – Challenging

Beyond Absolute Proof – Never Convince All

But Well Worth Thinking About!

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

If you were asked “What is God like?”, what immediately comes to mind?

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group?
(consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read Passage

Read this passage: Psalm 145

Discuss a few of these questions:

List the traits of God that are mentioned in this Psalm.

Which of these traits are most meaningful for you?

What does the Psalmist do in light of these traits?

How hard is it for you to believe that God is utterly good? Why?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other.

You may want to share specific requests.