

## **Family Fellowship, Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Our chopping and changing of where we're sourcing our sermons continues this week with Palm Sunday (and will continue next week with Easter Sunday, before heading back to Galatians). This week we'll really focus our thoughts on the truth that God is good. On Wednesday it would be good to have a pen and paper.

I'm praying that this will ground your thoughts, worries and cares in our good God who loves us dearly.

Scott

## MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Read:** Lamentations 3:25 (I have copied the International Children's Bible version below)

*The Lord is good to those who put their hope in him.*

*He is good to those who look to him for help.*

**Chat:** This week we are going to think about the truth that God is always good.

**When** can it be hard to remember that God is good? (*Take answers*) **Why** do you think it can be hard to remember that God is good in times like those? (*Take answers*)

God's word tells us that even when it doesn't seem like it, and even when it doesn't feel like it, God is good. All the time. All the time God is good. And when it is really hard to remember that God is good, he wants us to look to him for help – and he promises to help in those times, because he is completely and perfectly good.

**Pray:** Thank God for his goodness. Ask him to help you to remember his goodness. Pray for our missionaries in church.

## TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Read:** Lamentations 3:25-26

*The Lord is good to those who put their hope in him.*

*He is good to those who look to him for help.*

*It is good to wait quietly*

*for the Lord to save.*

**Chat:** Do you remember what we are going to think about this week? (*Take answers*) The truth that God is always good. God is good, even when we forget that he is and when we don't feel like he is. And the passage we have just read tells us that God is good to those who wait for him.

What sort of things do you usually wait on? (*Take answers*) You can wait for the weekend to come, you can wait to go back to school, you can wait for the summer – and when we wait for those things we usually are just wanting for time to pass until they come along. That's not the way we should wait on God.

When we wait on God, he wants us to be active. He wants us to think about him, to talk to him, to look to him to be our help in everything that we do. And because Jesus lived perfectly, died in our place, rose from the dead and ascended to the Father's right hand, we can go to God and be heard! He promises to hear us if we trust in God.

What might it look like for you to wait on God this week? (*Take answers*)

**Pray:** Thank God that we can wait on him and that he promises to help us, and show us his goodness. Ask for help to go to him in prayer, read his word and to remind each other. Pray for your family.

## WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Read:** Lamentations 3:25-26

*The Lord is good to those who put their hope in him.*

*He is good to those who look to him for help.*

*It is good to wait quietly*

*for the Lord to save.*

**Chat:** What are we thinking about this week? (*Take answers*) Yes, the truth that God is always good. God is good, even when we forget that he is and when we don't feel like he is.

The passage we have read tells us that God is good in our waiting. When it seems like we are doing nothing, God is still able to teach us, help us and change us. Think about it, over the last couple of weeks we have been waiting – unable to see friends or go to school. But what has God taught us during this time? Write down some things you have learned over the last two weeks, both about God and his world...

God is always good. And even in times of waiting, he still wants to teach us about his goodness.

**Pray:** Thank God for everything he has taught and is teaching us. Pray that he would protect all of our medical staff and hospital staff in church.

## THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**Read:** Lamentations 3:25-26

*The Lord is good to those who put their hope in him.*

*He is good to those who look to him for help.*

*It is good to wait quietly*

*for the Lord to save.*

**Chat:** What are we thinking about this week? (*Take answers*) Yes, the truth that God is always good. God is good, even when we forget that he is and when we don't feel like he is.

God shows his goodness to us most clearly in his salvation. What does salvation mean? (*Take answers*) It means to save someone from something. If we have salvation, that means we have been saved from something by God. What does God save us from if we trust in him? (*Take answers*) He saves us from sin! If we trust in what Jesus has done to save us – living, dying and rising – we get to share in Jesus' perfection before God, and God saves us.

In times of waiting, God wants us to remember his great salvation and what that means for us. It means that one day we will spend forever with him, it means one day we will never be sad again, and it means that one day there will be no more waiting. If we believe in Jesus, he wants us to remember what he has done for us and what he will do for us in the future. How does it help to know that Jesus has saved you and will one day give you full life forever with him? (*Take answers*)

**Pray:** Thank God for his salvation. Pray for your loved ones who don't yet know Jesus is a saving way.

## FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Read:** Lamentations 3:25-27

*The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.*

*It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.*

*It is good for a man that he bear  
the yoke in his youth.*

**Chat:** What have we been thinking about this week? (*Take answers*) Yes, the truth that God is always good. God is good, even when we forget that he is and when we don't feel like he is. God is even good in times of suffering.

The last line of the passage we read is a bit confusing, but what it means is that God is good to us in times of suffering. Even when we are really sad, even when life seems to be a mess, God is still good and is good to us.

God shows that to us on the cross. On the cross, Jesus went through the greatest suffering anyone ever has, and God used it for the greatest good that has ever been done. To save people like us! Describe how it feels to know that God used that great suffering for you, because he loves you? (*Take answers*)

This gives us a hope. Even when we are really sad, we can look to God and know that he is the God who uses times of suffering to help his people. Because he is good. He is always good.

**Pray:** Thank God for his goodness. Ask for his help, and thank him for his help. Pray for your friends and family that you haven't seen in a while.

## **SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Chat:** What was the stand out thing you learned this week? What is the best thing about being home all the time? What is the worst?

**Pray:** Pray about the things you chatted about above. Take prayer requests and pray for them. Pray for Robin, our church staff and leaders.

## **SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Chat:** What the service streamed online. What was the talk about? What did you learn? What is the weirdest bit about church from home?

**Pray:** Pray for our church family, especially for those who are sick, scared or lonely.