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# Knowing God's Goodness

Welcome to worship with NewDay!

We hope you are able to sense and know God's Goodness and that our sacrifices of thanksgiving, as we worship together, would grow in abundance.

## Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. <sup>2</sup> Think about the things above and not things on earth. <sup>3</sup> You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Call to Worship

## Psalm 116 (CEB)

Leader: I love the LORD because he hears my requests for mercy. I'll call out to him as long as I live, because he listens closely to me.

## <u>ALL:</u>

The LORD protects simple folk; he saves me whenever I am brought down. I tell myself, You can be at peace again, because the LORD has been good to you.

#### Leader:

I have remained faithful, even when I said, "I am suffering so badly!" even when I said, out of fear, "Everyone is a liar!"

#### ALL:

What can I give back to the LORD for all the good things he has done for me?
I'll lift up the cup of salvation.
I'll call on the LORD's name.
So I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you, and I'll call on the LORD's name.
I'll keep the promises I made to the LORD
Praise the LORD!

## Showing the Goodness of God

To show each other God's goodness through sound arguments about the nature of God and the world, using logical and rational truth. Did Jesus exist? The reason for God, the Historical Jesus, why is there

suffering and evil?, etc...

To show each other God's goodness through shared experiences of

**God.** *How has God renewed your heart and mind?* 

To show the world God's goodness through our treatment of each other by building community and relationships.

How has God changed your relationships and heart for community?

#### Corinthians 4:13-18

13 We have the same faithful spirit as what is written in scripture: I had faith, and so I spoke. We also have faith, and so we also speak. 14 We do this because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and he will bring us into his presence along with you. 15 All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God's glory.

16 So we aren't depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. 17 Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. 18 We don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen. The things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal.

## Why did Jesus Die?

Alpha framed this question around the importance of forgiveness. Here are the discussion questions that guide the conversation that takes place after the video.

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- 1. How do people feel about the idea of forgiveness? What is it?
- 2. What did you think about the stories of forgiveness during the video?
- 3. Have you ever had to forgive anyone? How did you do it?
- 4. Has anyone ever forgiven you? What did it feel like?
- 5. Where does guilt come from? What's the difference between false and real guilt, and why is that significant?

#### NewDay Envisioning Our Ministry Values: We Are...

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...a community that has a passion to serve others.

- ...a community that longs for deeper life relationships with God and others.
- ...passionate about investing in children, youth, and families.

...a people who have a desire to be led by and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.

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#### NOTES