

Sunday, January 19, 2020 - "You Asked For It - Week 3 - Why Does God Let Me Down?" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Psalm 34:1-12, Job 13:15, Romans 5:5, Psalm 25, Romans 10:11, Hebrews 4:15

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Does God truly desire good for me?
 - What's your gut response?
 - It's a theological question
- Psalm 34:1-12
 - Inner declaration of intent
 - David talking to himself
 - "Preaching" to his own soul
 - Bless the Lord regardless of circumstance → Praise is the outward declaration of this
 - Job 13:5
 - Chose to believe God is good
- v3: exalt His name together → Worship is way to serve and encourage one another when we do it together
- Does God truly desire good for me....YES
 - Lack no good thing (to lack no good thing means KNOWING JESUS)
 - We have to understand the promise...the ULTIMATE good thing = a deep personal knowing of Jesus
- God doesn't disappoint us
 - Every disappointment is an opportunity to know God more
 - The presence of God showing up in the hardest of times
- Something bad can be a good thing - Something good can be a bad thing - Something good can be a good thing -
Something bad can be a bad thing
 - It's all about how we respond
 - If it draws us to Jesus it can be a good thing. If it pushes us away from Jesus it's a bad thing
 - Circumstances aren't necessarily the warfare...how we respond is the warfare
- The Apostle Paul's "thorn" (he had to have some disappointment) - 2 Corinthians 12
 - God said to him, "My Grace is enough for you."
 - Your affliction → depending on me
 - "so that the power of Christ may rest upon me..."
- Disappointment is inevitable
 - Will it draw us closer to God or push us away from Him
 - That's our choice to make
 - God promises to be with us through it all (Psalm 25, Romans 10:11, Hebrews 4:15)

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What is your gut response to the questions, Does God truly desire good for me?
2. When was a time that disappointment pushed you away from God? What did you learn in the process?
3. When was a time that disappointment drew you closer to God? What did you learn?
4. What does it mean to you when God says, "My grace is sufficient for you.?"
5. When was a time that trial/circumstance/affliction caused you to depend on God? What did you learn about Him and about yourself?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Luke 21 Tues: Luke 22 Wed: Luke 23 Thurs: Luke 24 Fri: Esther 1

Songs from the weekend: [Raise A Hallelujah - Bethel Music] - [Waymaker - Sinach] - [Endless Alleluia - Bethel Music] - [Worthy of It All - Bethel Music]