



Session 6: Demonstrating GOODNESS

Worship

Psalm 107:1 says 'Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures for ever'

Take a few moments to think about God's goodness – where has he been good to you? Give thanks for it in prayer.

Is there a tension between evangelism and discipleship?

Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/SoVkTrkGJ7c> (up to 6:19)

- What resonated most with you about the comments in this part of the video?
- Tom Wright described us as being 'part of God's new creation project.' Pat Took said, as believer we were 'part of a priestly company whose task is to turn the world around.' What do you think these mean? Discuss!
- Where do you think we've simply turned Christianity into a 'consumer gospel'?

Demonstrating GOODNESS

Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/SoVkTrkGJ7c> (from 6:20)

- From the video and your own thoughts, what do you think 'goodness' is all about?
- How did Jesus demonstrate goodness? How do you demonstrate goodness?
- **Read Luke 6:43-45** What does this say about the source of goodness? How do we 'store up good' in our own hearts?
- **Romans 12:21** says 'Do not overcome evil by evil, but overcome evil with good.'
 - How did Jesus demonstrate that on the cross?
 - Think of different situations where there has been evil. What might this mean in those situations? Have you any stories of where you have seen 'good' overcome evil?
 - Chris Wright says 'when we respond to evil with good we are living in the power of the cross, anticipating final victory'

Response

- Take a moment to be still and ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you can 'demonstrate goodness' this week. Pray for each other, especially for situations where you sense you are called to 'overcome evil with good.'
- Finish by saying the prayer of John Stott together – and then commit to saying it every day this week.

Heavenly Father, I pray that this day I may live in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Amen.