

Life Group Discussion Guide - June 2nd 2019
“Hope In The Goodness Of God”

In this weeks sermon, we dove into a story out of Luke 7 that doesn't generally get much air time from church pulpits. Jesus demonstrates a compassion & goodness that seems to bend the rules we place on how a person receives merciful or miraculous things from God. Today we will aim to strengthen our hope by deepening our realization of God's goodness.

* *Before starting you may want to 1st assign the 7 scriptures listed on page 2 so people are ready to read when we get to that section.*

Read Luke 7:11-17 aloud in your group

Q? Do you see any act of faith in Jesus demonstrated by the widow who lost her son or by any of those in the funeral procession? _____

Q? If you did not recognize a demonstration of faith triggering a miracle, how might this challenge the way we would normally expect a miracle to take place?

Discuss: _____

Q? What light does this specific miracle shed on God's goodness, kindness & compassion? How can this increase our Hope? **Discuss:** _____

A.W. Tozer said: *“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”*

Q? What do you think he was attempting to communicate? **Discuss:** _____

Q? How does your image of God & the level of his goodness influence the way you relate to & trust Him? Can you give a personal example? **Discuss:** _____

* ***To Have A Strong Anchor Of Hope In A World That Is Not Good, We Must Be Convinced That God Is Good.***

Q? What does it mean to say “God is good”? **Discuss:** _____

*** Faith & Hope in God is based greatly on our trusting that He will act in accordance with His divine attributes.**

Read these 7 things "God cannot do" along with the assigned scriptures. Share your thoughts after each before moving to the next

- God Cannot Sin (1 John 3:9)

Q? Thoughts? How does this build our hope in His goodness?

- God Cannot Tempt Us With Sin (James 1:13)

Q? Thoughts? How does this build our hope in His goodness?

- God Cannot Lie (Hebrews 6:18)

Q? Thoughts? How does this build our hope in His goodness?

- God Cannot Break A Promise (Psalm 89:34)

Q? Thoughts? How does this build our hope in His goodness?

- God Cannot Reject A Humble & Repentant Heart (Psalm 51:17)

Q? Thoughts? How does this build our hope in His goodness?

- God Cannot Stop Loving You (Jeremiah 31:3)

Q? Thoughts? How does this build our hope in His goodness?

Q? Do you have any other thoughts on this topic? **Discuss** _____

Close your group by praying as you feel the Holy Spirit leading....