

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

1. Doing good is the result of knowing God, who is good.

Psalm 34:8; Luke 4:18-19; Acts 10:38; Romans 2:4 (NKJV)

Romans 8:28; James 1:17-18

2. God **IS** good. It's not just what he does; it's who he is - pure goodness!

3. The Problem: Human goodness is tainted.

Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Titus 3:4-8; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

4. Pure goodness comes from God and when lived out will show his goodness to the world around us.

Romans 12:9-21

Ephesians 2:8-10

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Consider:

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Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Let's discuss 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 in depth.
 - What does it mean to "live a life worthy of his call"?
 - How do people know when their faith has prompted them?
 - What keeps people from moving on those prompts?
 - What is at stake if we don't move on prompts?
 - What happens if we do move on the prompts?

Commit:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Read Romans 12:9-21 with the question "What can I do to help?" in mind. Ask God for a personal prompt.

Share your prompt with the group.

Care:

Thank God for the highs mentioned earlier and remember the lows in prayer.

Pray 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 over your group and our church.