

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

2/19/17

Text: Psalm 23

Title: Goodness & Mercy Shall Follow Me

Teacher: Josh Floyd

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

In his sermon, Josh took us through the final verse of Psalm 23. As we've spent the last 6 weeks looking at this Psalm it has been made clear that the LORD is our Good Shepherd, He is our Generous Host, and He is our loving Father who will chase after us, even to the ends of the earth, to give us His goodness and mercy and bring us into His house forever. No matter how far away we stray spiritually, physically, sexually, emotionally, intellectually; God will not stop loving and pursuing us, his children, to the end. What a great God we serve!

Reflection Questions:

- (Josh said that God loves to give us his Goodness and Mercy. God gives us good gifts that can only come from Him, and He has mercy on us, not giving us what we rightly deserve because of our sin.)*

 - Who in your life takes advantage of your goodness and mercy? What does that feel like?**
 - What amazes you about God's Goodness and Mercy?**
- (Josh talked about how God's goodness and mercy will **Follow** after us all the days of our lives. Even though we are so prone to wander, God pursues us like a hound, tracking us down, rescuing us, and working all things together for our good. There is nowhere we can go that He will not follow to overtake us.)*

 - Have you ever felt like there's an area of your life that's so broken or far away that God might never overtake it?**
 - When have you hit your breaking point in pursuing someone in your life? When have you given up?**
- (Josh ended talking about putting his kids to bed and getting to say to them, "No matter where you go or what you do, I'll always be your daddy, and I'll always love you." And God says the same thing to us as His children.)*

 - Take that line and go through the "A.C.T.S." format on pg. 2. How does that draw you to Adore God, Confession, Thanksgiving to Jesus, and Supplication (asking Holy Spirit to change you)?**

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A.C.T.S.

1. ADORATION

What draws you to Adore and Praise God for His attributes and Actions?

Worship the LORD, our Heavenly Father, for His goodness and mercy. Praise Him for his good deeds, His good gifts and His mercy shown to sinners like you and me.

2. CONFESSION

How has this sermon brought to mind sin that you need to Confess and Repent of?

Confess to Jesus the ways in which we have been those who have wandered off and are in need of being pursued. Confess ways we have doubted his goodness or mercy because of difficult things in our lives.

3. THANKSGIVING

What has drawn you to thank Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)?

Give thanks to God for His pursuit of us and His never-giving-up love. Thank Him for the ways in which He takes what it meant for evil and uses it for good. Thank Him that we, His children, get to dwell with Him forever in His house!

4. SUPPLICATION

In what particular ways do you need Holy Spirit to transform you?

Pray that the Holy Spirit would help us realize and become aware of how God's goodness and mercy are all around us - even in difficult circumstances.

Prepare for Gospel Community:

How has God impacted you the most through today's passage(s)?

Who in your life does not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior? Please pray that the Holy Spirit would turn their hearts towards the Lord and may they come to know God as their Heavenly Father.