

10 -WEEK STUDY

ON THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK 7
GALATIANS 5:22-23
MATTHEW 5:14-16



**FRESHLY
SQUEEZED**

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Galatians 5:22-25

Secondary text from this week: Matthew 5:14-16, Romans 12:21

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To understand how God's goodness can transform a dark world

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: How have you felt this week as you've watched so much anger, frustration, violence, and despair?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that resonated with you as you listened to Pastor Doug's message?
2. Pastor Doug described Biblical Goodness as **objective**. Why do you think it's important for society to have an objective, universal standard of right and wrong?
3. Pastor Doug described Biblical Goodness as **redemptive**. Why is it important to understand that the future destination of the world isn't complete destruction, but complete restoration?
4. Pastor Doug described Biblical Goodness as **active**. How does this truth change your understanding of goodness and its potential impact on the world?
5. Pastor Doug read **Romans 12:21** in the sermon. As a group, read the complete passage in **Romans 12:14-21**. How do you think these instructions apply to us today?
6. Read **Matthew 5:14-16**. What do you think Jesus is referring to when He says, "let your light shine before men..."?
7. Read **Ephesians 2:10**. What do you think it means that we were "created in Christ Jesus to do **good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do"?



**FRESHLY
SQUEEZED**

PRAY

Pray for each other: Pray that each group member would experience intimacy with God this week.

Pray on your own: Pray that God would help you embody His goodness this week.

ACTION STEPS

Go to venturamissionary.com and take advantage of the daily and weekly resources.

Pick one of these two **action steps** to focus on doing this week:

1. Speak out against **injustice** when you see it
2. Use your **influence** for good
3. Teach your children and your grandchildren **God's standards of goodness**
4. **Love** your enemies
5. Use your words to **build people up**, not tear people down
6. **Forgive** people who have hurt you
7. **Serve** people instead of waiting to be served
8. Be extraordinarily **generous**
9. **Protect the** vulnerable
10. **Love people** the way Jesus has loved you

NOTES



**FRESHLY
SQUEEZED**