

**Sermon: Give Thanks to Our Good God.**  
**Series: N/A.**

**Scripture: Psalm 136.**  
**Date: November 19, 2023**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) The psalmist says that God is good. John Newton described God's goodness this way: "There is nothing that God allows in our life that is not needed, and there is nothing that God withholds from us that is needed." When you think about your circumstances do you begin from the premise that God is good? Explain.

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Does thankfulness come easy for you? Why or why not?

b) Where do you see God's goodness toward you in the past? The present? The future?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) Read Psalm 136:17-24. God rescued Israel from physical enemies. How does this point to Christ's rescue of us from our spiritual enemies?

**APPLICATION**

a) Read v. 4-9. How can you use creation this week to help you see and meditate on the goodness of God?

b) Give thanks to the Lord! Spend some time in your group giving thanks to the Lord for his goodness.

**PRAYER**

- Acknowledge God's goodness in your life.
- Confess ways that you have failed to see God as good or be thankful.
- Thank Jesus for his goodness in rescuing you from spiritual slavery and defeating sin and death in your life.
- Ask God to help you cultivate thankfulness in your heart and actions.