

Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
June 27, 2010

God: My Defender
The Lord is Good
Nahum 1:7

1. If you are a parent, how have you taught your children that God is good? Why is the truth that God is good one of the first things we want our children to know? What attitudes and actions are we trying to motivate in them?
2. Why is it more difficult for adults to believe that God is good?
3. How do atheists use the Bible's claim that God is good to disprove God's existence? Have you ever thought, "How can God be good if he stands by while evil continues in our world?" What evil do you see the following areas that might make you question God's goodness?
 - a. Nature
 - b. Business
 - c. Family
 - d. Health
 - e. Politics
 - f. Media
4. Read Romans 2:4. How have the forces in the above areas called what is evil good and good evil? How has that affected your thinking about God's authority to define what is good?
5. What are the situations in your life right now that your are tempted to ask, "God if you are good, why are you allowing this to happen to me?"
6. Why does ungratefulness, fear, bitterness follow a person who struggles to believe God is good?
7. Read the following scriptures on God's goodness.
 - a. Psalm 145:8-9. How have you been the object of God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness?
 - b. Romans 2:4. How does God's goodness continue to lead you to repentance?
 - c. Hebrews 5:14. How are you powers of discernment being trained to distinguish god from evil?
8. How does the cross display the collision of good and evil? How does it comfort you to know that that the best person endured the worst evil? Should we believe that doing good things ensures God will protect from evil and give us more good? Why or why not?
9. Take the ten-fold test of trusting God's Goodness. Do you really believe the Lord is good.
 1. Do I sense that my sin has been forgiven?

2. Do I sense that God is angry at me?
3. Do I compare the gifts that God given to others that I believe I have a right to?
4. Do I believe that I have more than I deserve if I never receive another gift from God?
5. Do I continually have an attitude of gratitude?
6. Can I thank God for every person and every situation he has allowed in my life?
7. Am I critical, bitter, and vengeful toward those who have hurt me?
8. Do I have a sense of joy when I hear of God's goodness to others?
9. Do I share openly and freely of the ways he has been good to me?
10. Do I have an overwhelming desire to draw closer to him and know him more deeply?