



**AND IT WAS GOOD
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT GOD'S WORD?
DEVOTION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Genesis 1:9-10 ESV

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Opening Thoughts:

- Day One: God created light and declared light to be good. The first time "God saw it was good."
- Day Two: God separated the waters, above and below, and called the separation sky.
- Day Three: God created dry ground and called it good. The second time "God saw it was good."
- When God looked at the water, He called forth dry ground and said it was good. What is so good about dry ground? What are some words that describe dry ground?
- Truth is always absolute—true for all people, at all times, and in all situations. What is relativism? The belief that truth changes from person to person. What do you observe more in our culture, absolute truth or relativism? What are some areas of life where you see relativism rather than absolute truth (everyone doing right in their own eyes)? Why have we seen this shift? Have you experienced this in your family? How should Christians address relativism in areas where there should be truth?

Key Takeaway: Every rule has a reason; every reason needs a relationship.

- There is one true absolute, a fixed point of reference that remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. Something solid to stand on and does not change. God's Word. It is a fixed absolute that remains.
- What's so good about God's Word. It defines good and evil. Do we trust the God of the Bible and His definition of good and evil?
- Do you see evidence of Bible illiteracy in our culture? Do you agree that our culture has lost its foundation and needs the solid ground of God's Word in order to combat relativism?
- How do we wipe out Biblical illiteracy? How do we communicate God's word to our children and this generation? We must teach them WHAT, answer the WHY, and show them the WHO.

1) As parents/leaders, we must teach our children WHAT God's Word says.

- Read Matthew 5:17-20. What are Jesus' instructions for whoever wants to be great in the kingdom of heaven (verse 19)? Who taught you the Word of God? Have you been a teacher of the Word to others?

- Read Exodus 20:2-3. Why did God give the Law? God introduced Himself to His people at Mount Sinai through His written law. The 10 precepts of the law can be defined as, “a rule, a law, a decree, an ordinance, or moral code.” The precepts of God’s Word were given to reveal who God was.
- Read Romans 7:12. What can you learn about God’s law from this verse?
- Principle: Teaching our children the Word of God will give them a solid foundation on which to stand in the sea of moral relativism.

2) As parents/leaders, we must help our children answer WHY God’s Word says WHAT it says.

- Read Matthew 5:21-22 and 27-28. Every rule has a reason. Every WHAT has a WHY. Every precept has a principle. How does Jesus exemplify this in these verses?
- A principle is a fundamental truth that serves as the basis of a belief. In the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7 of Matthew, Jesus gives the principles (WHY) behind the precepts (WHAT).
- Is it possible to keep the precept and dishonor the principle? Can you give an example? As parents and leaders, we must help others connect the principle to the precept.
- Principle: God doesn’t bring His law into our lives to restrict us, but to release us to live according to the principles of His Word.

3) As parents/leaders, we must show our children WHO said WHAT the Bible says and answer WHY He said it.

- Read Mathew 7:24-29. Note the reaction the crowd has to Jesus’ teachings, for they recognized His authority. They saw the WHO that was teaching the WHAT and answering the WHY. How important is it to know the WHO behind the WHAT? They will never see God’s Word as good until they see that God is good.
- Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Matthew 5:17). What do you think Jesus meant by these words?
- Principle: Rules without relationship always leads to rebellion.

Application:

- **Takeaway:** Every rule has a reason, every reason needs a relationship.
- “Biblical moral truths must be placed within the context of a loving relationship if they are to be passed on effectively to the next generation. And that requires engagement in a continual process.”
Josh McDowell
- People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.
- So what’s so good about God’s Word? It is a sure foundation, a rock upon which to build a good life.
- How can you be sure you don’t fall into the trap of relativism? What are your own personal study habits that increases your literacy of God’s Word? How can you grow in your knowledge of God and His Word? Who has God placed in your life that you should be teaching the WHAT, WHY, WHO of God’s Word?