### Celebrating God’s Goodness

**INTRODUCTION**

*“How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.”* ([2 Samuel 7:22](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?version=NIV&search=2%20Samuel%207:22)). This Sunday we hosted a ‘fun fair’ and spent time celebrating how God is good to us. Ps Adam shared the story of a man born blind who Jesus healed (John 9:1-7). His experience of God’s goodness was greater than anything he could have dreamed of. No matter what our circumstances, God is constant in His goodness and His love for us.

**KEY SCRIPTURES**

 **READ: Psalm 126:1-3**

“When the LORD brought back his exiles to Jerusalem, we were like those who dreamed. We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy. And the other nations said, “What amazing things the LORD has done for them.” Yes, the LORD has done amazing things for us! What joy!”

**READ Isaiah 54:1-3**

“Sing, o childless woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labour; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the LORD. “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. for you will soon be bursting at the seams.” (go on to read vs 4-5 if you have time)

**KEY POINTS**

* Jesus shows that God is good. Definitively. Without exception. Always.
* Because God is good, we can trust Him with the desires of our heart, and more.
* Ps Adam believes this is a word for us as a church: God says, “Ready Yourselves, Prepare Now for the Expansion that is Coming.”

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Share a time when you have seen or experienced God’s goodness to you.
2. What do these passages say about how God wants to relate to us personally?
3. What hopes do you have, that you barely allow yourself to even pray or barely allow yourself to even dream? How is this affected by the understanding that God is good?
4. What do these passages say about how God wants to relate to His people/church?

*(consider our discipleship vision for Dunedin Elim of more people becoming more like Jesus)*

1. What does it mean for you and your Lifegroup to get ready for expansion, or to get ready to have spiritual children?
2. Consider what God has revealed to you personally from these passages. What is one thing you can do next in response to that?

**PRAYER POINTS**

* Give God thanks and praise for what He has done and the joy He gives us
* Pray for those that visited our service that they will know God’s love and purpose
* Pray for our students who are completing final exams
* Pray for courage to share your God stories with others so they can ‘*hear with their own ears’*.