REFLECTION GUIDE

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INTRO

God wants us to grow into people who make others' lives better. Our targeted good deeds and trustworthy behavior can make a big difference in how the people around us understand God!

THOUGHTS	

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you asked your followers to be the light of the world. Help me become someone who radiates joy and hope to all the people you have put in my path. I want to be someone who does things simply for the sake of showing who you are to others.

Thank you for the goodness and faithfulness you've shown me. Amen.

DIGGING DEEPER

- Between goodness and faithfulness, which comes easier to you? Why?
- Read Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, and 20:6.
 Describe key words in these verses that describe what it means to be a faithful person.
- In your life, have you found this to be a rare quality in others?
- Who are the people who you would say have been faithful to you? How has that faithfulness changed your life?
- What practical ways can you demonstrate faithfulness to the people in your life?
- Some think of being virtuous when they hear the word goodness. The way that word is used in scripture involves one taking action to benefit others. Why do you think that is an important distinction?
- Read Matthew 5:13-16.
 - Salt can be used to preserve or purify--to keep food from rotting.
 Why do you think Jesus used that analogy to talk to his followers about their impact on the world?
 - How can we be both salt (purifying, seasoning) and light (illuminating) to those around us?
 - Why do you think Jesus concludes this passage by talking about our good deeds?