

UNDERSTANDING GOODNESS

LESSON 1: No Good Apart From God

ANCHOR STATEMENT: True goodness comes from God alone.

MAIN PASSAGE: Luke 18:18-22

'A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered.

"No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'" "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." '

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW: That the world defines good as something we can obtain on our own, but true goodness is something that comes from God alone.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED:
Be able to define goodness by God's terms and grow in their discernment about what the world says is good vs. what God says is good.