

# That's a Great Question

## Discussion Guide “Why Do You Call Me Good?” Pastor Daniel Floyd

**Starter** Have you ever asked someone a question and realized you might not like the answer? For instance, when you ask a friend, “How did my presentation go?” do you want them to be honest or encouraging? Sometimes we ask questions because we’re curious, but sometimes we ask questions hoping the answer won’t require us to change anything.

### Sermon Summary

This message explores Jesus’ encounter with the rich young ruler in Mark 10 and the powerful question, “Why do you call me good?” It challenges us to move beyond admiration and performance toward true devotion—living with surrendered hearts, costly worship, and open hands before God.

### ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

**A (Action):** Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

**C (Contemplate):** Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

**T (Transfer/Teach):** If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

### Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Mark 10:17–18](#)

[Mark 10:19–20](#)

[Mark 10:21–22](#)

[Mark 10:26–31](#)

[Luke 10:25–37](#)

[John 3:1–16](#)

[Ephesians 2:8–9](#)

[Luke 6:38](#)

[Matthew 7:13–14](#)

### Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. What is the difference between admiring Jesus and being devoted to Jesus, and how have you seen that difference show up in your own life?
2. The rich young ruler had done many of the “right” things. Why do you think Jesus challenged him to go deeper, and what does that teach us about the difference between performance and surrender?

3. Jesus put his finger on the one thing that had the young ruler's heart: his wealth. What are some things today that can quietly become idols in our lives without us realizing it?
4. The sermon describes discipleship as moving to deeper and deeper levels of commitment. What might the next step of commitment to Jesus look like in your life right now?
5. Jesus promised that following Him ultimately leads to more, even when it requires sacrifice. How have you experienced (or hope to experience) God's faithfulness when you live with open hands before Him?

### **Go Deeper**

1. Study Luke 21:1–4 (the widow's offering). What does the widow's example teach us about the difference between giving what is convenient and giving in a way that reflects full trust in God?
2. Study Genesis 22:1–14 (Abraham offering Isaac). What does Abraham's response reveal about trusting God when He asks us to surrender something deeply important to us?

### **Apply**

1. Honestly evaluate what currently has the greatest influence over your time, energy, and attention. Ask God in prayer to reveal anything in your life that you admire or value more than Him and intentionally realign your priorities around following Jesus.
2. Begin each day with a simple prayer of surrender, offering your plans, relationships, resources, and decisions to God. Instead of trying to perform for God, focus on living from a place of love and dependence on Him.
3. If God is prompting you to let go of something—whether it's control, comfort, a habit, or a resource—take a practical step to obey. Trust that living with open hands before God allows Him to do greater things in and through your life.

### **Pray**

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask the Lord to reveal His love for you so you can move beyond simply admiring Him to truly being devoted to Him. Ask God to shape your heart so that His love for you and your love for Him influences how you live, think, and follow Him each day.
2. Ask God to reveal anything in your life that you are holding on to more tightly than Him. Pray for the courage and humility to surrender every area of your life to Him with open hands.
3. When the Lord calls you to a deeper commitment, pray for His help to respond with faith and trust so that you can follow Him wholeheartedly, believing that He loves you and that everything you surrender to Him will help you grow and build His kingdom.

### **Leadership Tip**

When discussing themes like surrender, idols, and devotion, people may feel vulnerable sharing where they struggle. Instead of quickly asking people to share, allow silence so people can reflect. Often the most meaningful growth in a small group happens when participants reflect and pray.