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#### Discuss the Text

1. What is David's big idea in verses 1-3? In your own words?
2. Why do you think David tells us in v. 4 that, "One generation shall commend your works to another..." What's the significance of our doing that?
3. In 4-7, what are we to be "commending" to others?
4. How would you paraphrase what David is trying to communicate in 8-9?
5. In vs. 12 David tells us that we are, "to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds..." What are we supposed to be making known? How do you think David intends we make that known to our kids?
6. How does David describe how God helps us in 14-20? What words does he use to express how God acts on our behalf?
7. How does David describe the people for whom God works so lovingly in 14-20? What words does he use? Who are the folks, according to David, that benefit from God's goodness?
8. Why does David end vs. 20 with, "but all the wicked he will destroy"?
9. David ends the Psalm by stating he "will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever." What do you think he hopes people will think and feel as they finish this Psalm?

#### Apply the Text:

1. When and how did you first come to appreciate God's goodness?
2. What has helped you grow in your experience and appreciation of God's great goodness?
3. Are there things in your life that you feel like prevent you from seeing God's great goodness more thoroughly? What might those things be?
4. What moves you the most often to praise God?
5. Are there people you know who encourage you to see God's great goodness more thoroughly? What do they do? How does it impact you?
6. What one thing would you be committed to doing that you believe would help you experience God's great goodness more deeply?
7. What might you do to share with others the great goodness of God that you enjoy?

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