

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD'S GOODNESS DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JAMES 1:16-18

- 1 **James 1:16 is a hinge verse in James 1.** Take note of the transition from verses 13-15 to 17-18. If the transition has to do with deception, what is the focus of deception in 13-15 and then 17-18?

⚙️ *How do you respond when confronted about deception in your life? Are you approachable and ready to receive this kind of correction?*

✏️ *Do not be deceived" is actually a warning sign, like one that says, "Caution" and then has a picture of a curvy road. People who see their own hearts as deceitful are not surprised at the curvy road ahead. What verses protect you from self-deceit? What relationships protect you from self-deceit?*

💡 *What truth about God or passage of scripture will you meditate on this week to protect yourself from deceit?*

- 2 **James reveals two truths about God's goodness in (v.17).**

✏️ *First, everything good comes from God. How would you define "good" in that statement? See Matthew 7:9-11 and Acts 14:17.*

✏️ *Second, God is always good to us. How would you prove that? What verses would you use?*

- 3 **What situations or circumstances do you struggle to believe that God is good to you?**

⚙️ *Do you believe that EVERYTHING He has allowed in your life is for your good? Why or why not?*

⚙️ *Do your attitudes, thoughts, words, and actions consistently reveal faith in God's goodness to you? Or are there things you think, say, or do that betray doubt in God's goodness?*

