LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sermon Title: Divine Connection: The Greatest Gift of God's Kindness
Series: The Goodness and Kindness of God
Primary Text: Galatians 5:25
Big Idea: The greatest evidence of God's goodness is not what He gives us, but that He gives us Himself.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Begin by welcoming everyone and inviting the group to slow down, become aware of God's presence, and open their hearts to what the Holy Spirit may want to highlight. Ask someone to pray briefly for the discussion.

2. Icebreaker

Share about a time when someone's presence meant more to you than anything they could have given you. What made their presence so meaningful?

3. Scripture Reading

- Galatians 5:25
- Psalm 73:28
- John 15:1-8
- Exodus 33:15

4. Sermon Recap

This sermon reminded us that God's goodness is not first measured by what He gives, but by who He is. His kindness is His goodness moving toward us, drawing us into repentance, restoration, and deeper relationship. The greatest gift of God's kindness is not blessing, provision, success, or open doors, but God Himself. Christian life is therefore not merely activity for God, but walking with the Spirit and abiding in Christ.

5. Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the phrase “God is good,” what comes to mind first: His blessings, His character, or your current circumstances? Why?
2. Psalm 119:68 says, “You are good, and what You do is good.” How does this truth help us trust God in difficult or confusing seasons?
3. Romans 2:4 says that God's kindness leads us to repentance. How have you experienced God's kindness as correction, conviction, or pruning rather than comfort?
4. Psalm 73:28 says, “It is good to be near God.” What competes with nearness to God in your life right now?
5. Moses said, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.” What would it look like for us to value God's presence more than His promises or blessings?
6. Galatians 5:25 calls us to keep in step with the Spirit. Which area do you most need to grow in: daily dependence, surrender, awareness, obedience, or fellowship?

7. Jesus says in John 15 that fruit comes from abiding. Where are you tempted to focus on activity, productivity, or ministry before intimacy with Him?
8. The key question of the sermon was: “Have I been pursuing God's hand or God's heart?” How would you honestly answer that in this season?

6. Personal Application

Invite each person to prayerfully complete this sentence: “This week, I sense God inviting me to draw near to Him by…” Encourage practical and simple responses such as setting aside daily time with God, obeying a specific prompting, surrendering worry, slowing down, or asking the Holy Spirit for fresh awareness throughout the day.

7. Group Prayer Focus

- Thank God for His goodness, kindness, and presence.
- Ask forgiveness for pursuing His hand more than His heart.
- Pray for a deeper hunger to abide in Christ.
- Pray that Oakhill's ministry, leadership, and vision would flow from intimacy with God.

8. Weekly Challenge

Each day this week, take five minutes to sit quietly with God before asking Him for anything. Begin with this prayer: “Lord, before I seek Your hand, help me seek Your heart.” At the end of the week, reflect on what changed in your awareness of His presence.