Taste And See

An Appetite for God Psalm 34:8; 1 Peter 2:1-3 July 16, 2023

Introduction: In 1 Peter 2:2-3, Peter's ultimate desire is for the church to have an insatiable appetite for the word of God. Just as a baby craves milk, so should Christians crave the living Word as well as the written Word. Spiritual growth and maturity is not an option in the Christian life, it should be our hearts desire to "grow into salvation". When Jesus called Peter to follow him, he promised that he would make Peter a fisherman of men. Peter accepted the call to follow Jesus, and for three years he became a part of Jesus' inner circle. Twenty-four hours a day he did life together with Jesus and eleven other men. He watched Jesus heal the sick, walk on water, feed the five thousand, make the lame walk, caused the blind to see, turn water into wine and had table fellowship with everyday people. In a real sense, Peter tasted that the Lord is good for himself.

Prayer: Father, open our minds and hearts to your Holy Spirit so that we may taste and see all that you have for us in our study and our discussion. Amen.

Read: Psalm 34:8; 1 Peter 2:1-3

Review: What did you learn by talking with God about your pain and other people's pain?

Discussion:

- 1. How do you define 'good'? What makes something good? What is a good day like? What is a good person?
- 2. Read 1 Peter 2:1 Why do you need to get rid of these things? How do these actions and attitudes affect your ability to enjoy being with God?
- 3. What can you put in place of the negative attitudes in 1 Peter 2:1? See Philippians 4:8-9
- 4. What in your life do you trust God with? What are you holding back? Where are you afraid to taste and see that the Lord is good?

Application: Look for the ways that God is good in your life.

Prayer: Father this week give us eyes to see your goodness even in places where we do not expect it. Thank you for your presence with us and that you are always at work for our good. Amen