



## Why Robert Morris

**Focus** God can never contradict His nature and character. He is good. He is just. And He is love. Therefore, everything that God does must align with those truths. God does not choose some to go to heaven and others to hell. Your eternal destiny is *your* choice, not His.

**Fun** What was your favorite childhood toy?

**Review** Key Scriptures: Psalm 119:68; Exodus 33:18–19; Isaiah 5:1–2, 5:11–12, 45:21; Romans 1:18–20; Matthew 21:33–39

### 1. God is good.

God is famous for His goodness, just as LeBron James is famous for his basketball skills. God isn't good because He does good. Rather, He does good because He *is* good. Difficult passages of Scripture become clearer when we view them in light of His goodness.

### 2. God is just.

God has made Himself known to every person, both internally through our conscience and externally through creation. He put eternity in our hearts as children that we would know to seek Him. God created a universe so large that it takes 300 million light years to travel to the farthest stars just so we realize there is a Master Designer. Therefore, we are without excuse. God's Word promises that all who seek Him will find Him.

### 3. God is love.

God did not create hell for people. He gave us a free will that we might choose to love Him. But the people, instead, rejected God and followed Satan into

rebellion against Him. God wants a family. Everyone who is not in His family definitely chose not to be.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** God isn't good because He does good. He does good because He *is* good. Let's take it a step further. Choose another characteristic of God that speaks to where you are—e.g., His mercy, faithfulness, or truth. Apply this same logic (you may have to add or change a few words) and declare the truth of who God is over your situation!

## Discuss

1. How have you viewed the concept of God's sovereignty in the past? Has your understanding of this changed over the years?
2. Pastor Robert used Adam and Eve being forced out of the garden as an example of God's goodness toward them. Why was it so important for God to drive them out of Eden? Can you think of other personal or biblical stories where God's actions at first seem harsh before He reveals His goodness through it?
3. "Manifest" means to make oneself known. Pastor Robert used the example of a multi-billionaire manifesting his presence by handing out checks to everyone. What do you think it looks like for God to manifest Himself (make Himself known) in worship or in our quiet times with Him?
4. What does it mean to you for God to be a just God?
5. What does God say about all those who seek Him? (Proverbs 8:7, Jeremiah 29:13, Acts 17:26–27)
6. God has placed eternity in our hearts. Can you remember a time God made Himself known to you as a child? Take a moment to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal such a time to you.

**Take Home** As we conclude, remember the following:

- In considering tough questions, we must answer them in congruency with God's unchanging character.

- God has made Himself known to every person, and He promises that those who seek Him will find Him.
- God gave us a free will that we might choose to love Him. But we also can choose to reject Him.
- Eternity is your choice!

### **Prayer**

Lord, thank You for allowing us to choose You. Thank You for sending Your precious Son that we would not have to be separated from You. Give us boldness to proclaim Your truth and Your love to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** You may have some new members of your group or even some who just accepted Christ during this message series. They may not have heard, or yet understand, many of the large spiritual words we frequently use as believers—e.g., righteousness, sanctification, redemption. Rather than assuming everyone understands these concepts, try searching for creative, relatable examples to describe these ideas. That will help any newcomer feel welcomed and comfortable in this new environment.