



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 18th February 2024



Hope Lebedyn Weekend Eddie Lyle... The goodness of God in a challenging world

Warm Up

Can you think of examples of good news or positive experiences in the midst of a difficult time in your life or in the world?

Background and context

This week leads up to the 2nd anniversary of the war in Ukraine. Our sister Church and mission centre in Lebedyn is in the thick of it. Situated about 30 miles from the Russian border, the church has continued to serve the community and preach the gospel, despite immensely challenging circumstances. They are experiencing growth, God's grace and people being drawn to the Church. They are living through tough times and experiencing the goodness of God.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

This week is slightly different. Rather than one passage to reflect on and study, please meditate on the following verses with a particular focus on the goodness of God. How does God reveal His goodness in the midst of our challenges and difficulties.



Psalm 23: 5, Psalm 5:11, Song of Songs 2:4, Job 36:16, Psalm 31:19, Psalm 35:27,
Psalm 119:103

Matthew 4: 4 Romans 7:21-25

How is God's goodness revealed?

What do we learn about God's character/nature?

How are we able to face our daily challenges? How do these verses help?

Focus on Lebedyn—Prayer time

In your Life Group this week please spend a little longer in prayer. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Lebedyn.



Pastor Bohdan, Alla and the children, Farmer Sergey... concerns about conscription

Pastor Sergey, Luda and Valentin -youth workers, Svetlana Children's worker, Sasha-IT,

Victor-the site manager, musical Sergey.

Issues:

- Schooling for the children. Mental health of young people. Traumas of war
- War weariness—The team are experiencing this. Pray for strength.
- The different ministries such as bread baking, aid distribution, bible studies, English classes, sewing classes, seed distribution, prison and hospital visiting. Supporting the local villages.