



## **"Too Good at Goodbyes"**

*For the week of September 24 - 30, 2017*

### **Main Thought:**

This week, we looked at Sam Smith's latest single "Too Good at Goodbyes." In it, Sam is recovering from a previous relationship that caused him some pain. His response is to build walls around his heart to protect himself. He says, "I'm just protecting my innocence, I'm just protecting my soul." Pain can cause us to isolate ourselves, but God designed us to be in relationship. As we build our relationship with Christ we are able to have healthy relationships with other people.

### **Main Passages:**

*"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)*

*"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain..." (Hebrews 6:19)*

*"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)*

*"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)*

### **Discussion Questions**

#### **Higher: Getting closer to God**

- What do you think it means to be "near" to Jesus?
- What can you do/stop doing to draw near to Jesus?

#### **Deeper: Applying God's Word in Community**

- What does Scripture say about the hope we have in Christ?

#### **Wider: Impacting Your World**

- Who is someone that God wants you to stick close to and introduce to a relationship with Christ?

### **Communications:**

We want to hear your story - The heart of Pearlside is discipleship and that happens best within Grace Groups. For the rest of the month, we will be featuring stories of why people love group. Share your own personal story by using our hashtag, #iheartgracegroup on social media and tagging @gbcpearlside on your picture.

