

Sermon Discussion Guide:

God is Sovereign

Scripture: **Job 42:1-2**

Series: **God Is**

Sunday, February 23, 2020

OVERVIEW

The way we understand God affects the way we understand our circumstances. In the book of Job, we can see God's sovereignty. Everything was taken from Job through the attack of Satan but allowed by the hand of God. Through all of this, Job never cursed God. In fact,, Job concludes that God can do all things and that his purposes will not fail. We see that God reigns over all creation—nature, our lives, random events, sinful acts, and even our hearts. **The sovereignty of God is his authoritative, perfect, and purposeful reign over all things and all people.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Psalm 103:19; Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 135:6–7; Psalm 147:8; 1 Samuel 2:1-7; Exodus 4:11; James 4:13-15; Matthew 10:29; Proverbs 16:33; 1 Chronicles 21:1; 2 Samuel 24:1; Genesis 45:5; Genesis 50:20; Proverbs 21:1; Acts 16:14; Acts 2:22-24; Acts 4:27-28; 1 Timothy 1:15; John 12:46

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the way we understand God affect the way we see life in the good and the bad? How do you tend to handle difficult circumstances that come your way?
2. Why is Scripture important for understanding what we go through in life?
3. Discuss God's sovereignty over nature, random events, our plans, life and death, suffering, and his sovereignty over the unjust death of his own Son?
4. In 1 Chronicles 21:1 it says that Satan incited David to number Israel but then 2 Samuel 24:1 says that the Lord incited David to number Israel. How can we reconcile these different descriptions with our understanding of the sovereignty of God? *[Not a contradiction but two different perspectives. Satan is inciting David by the authoritative permission of God.]*
5. What were the four graces that come from trusting that God is sovereign? *[confidence in prayers, meaning to circumstances, salvation to sinners, passion for evangelism]*
6. Just because God's sovereignty is true doesn't mean it's an easy doctrine to embrace. What are some things that are still hard for you to deal with when thinking about this doctrine? How has this sermon and the truth that God is sovereign impacted your understanding of God and your circumstances?