



# Dive Deeper

## SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

### SERMON NOTES:

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Title: *The Sovereignty of God*

#### 1. Defining it:

*"God has a purpose in all that He does in the world, and He providentially governs or directs all things in order that they accomplish His purposes."* - Wayne Grudem  
Job 42:2; Psalm 103:19

#### 2. Multiple ways we see this in Scripture.

- a. **God's creation.** Psalm 104; Colossians 1:16-17
- b. **The cross of Christ.** Acts 2:22-24; John 19:11
- c. **Our individual lives.** Psalm 139

#### 3. The purpose and unfolding of human history.

Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-49; Revelation 7:9 & 13-17

#### 4. God's sovereignty over the affairs of nations.

Exodus 9:13-17; (Romans 9:17); Daniel 4:24-26 & 28-37; 5:17-31; Isaiah 37:21-38; Jeremiah 18:1-10

#### 5. GOOD NEWS!

## COMMUNITY:

**Talk about upcoming changes to the school schedule and the way this will impact their family.**

**If you lived from 1900 - 1975, what major events would you have lived through?**

 **What experience in your life seemed completely out of your control?**

## CHRIST-CENTERED DISCUSSION:

 **How do the attributes of God presented in this series work together?**

For example, the mix of God being loving and wise makes trusting his sovereignty easier or his love and holiness seeming to be at odds until you factor in his mercy.

**Spend some time at the beginning of your discussion praising God for who he is.**

**Review the passages that show the sovereignty of God in the unfolding of salvation history** (Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 24:14; Revelation 7:9).

**Do these passages help you see the continuity of the story line of the Bible? Explain.**

## **CHRIST-CENTERED DISCUSSION:** *continued*

★ **What do you learn about God's character from this sequence of events in salvation history? How does that impact the way you interact with your world? How does that impact the way you deal emotionally with the circumstances in your world?**

**Define God's sovereignty. How do your decisions relate to God's sovereignty?**

★ **Does God's sovereignty over the affairs of nations just relate to the Bible and Israel in that time or is it a general principle that applies to all times and places? Does it apply to the Roman empire, Nazi Germany, China, Russia, the United States, and our next president, etc?**

**After discussing God's sovereignty, what questions does God's sovereignty still bring up in your heart?**

# FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS:

## DINNER TIME DISCUSSION

How do we practically function in a world with a good, sovereign God?



## DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES

Take time this week to interact with each of the attributes of God covered in this series. Write a short summary of each. Record 2 - 3 references from Scripture that illustrate each attribute.

## PRACTICING PRAYER

Write out a specific prayer request for each of our political leaders. Base these requests in Scripture. Pray this each day this week.

## VERSE MEMORY

Psalm 135:6

Whatever the Lord pleases,  
he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.

*english standard version*

## GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE

So what should be the response of a growing disciple of Jesus to God's sovereignty in their private and public world?

*To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.*