

God Our Sovereign King

The Anchor Series

Discussion Questions

IN THE SCRIPTURE:

- **Have the group read these selections: Job 42:2; Psalm 115:3, 135:6, and 33:11.** How would you summarize these passages? What stands out to you about any one of them?
- **Read Isaiah 46:9b-10.** What does God declare about himself? What does it mean when he says “declaring the end from the beginning”? Why can God make these kinds of statements? What does this tell us about history?
- **Read Revelation 5:1-5.** Look at the context of the passage. What do the seals represent? Who is the only one able to open the seals? Why? What does this signify?
- **Read Revelation 19:11-16.** Who is this about? How does this description of Jesus at his Second Coming contrast his first? How does picture reveal to us God’s power in Christ? How does it show his sovereign rule of history?

IN THE SERMON:

- How has COVID-19 created fear for us? Give examples.
- How can despair paralyze us? Can you give any personal examples when despair was so large in your life that it held great sway over you?
- Yancey said one way to fight fear is to find our security in God’s sovereignty. What is the sovereignty of God? How do the Bible verses we’ve read support the truth that God is sovereign?
- What was the ultimate message of the book of Revelation (Answer: Have hope for God controls history for his ends and your good)? Can you give the historical setting of the writing of the Revelation? What was going on with God’s people? Why was Revelation supposed to leave the persecuted Christians encouraged?
- Yancey said one reason our fears are too big (in life) is because our view of God is too small, and that reminding ourselves of God’s sovereign power can help us fight those fears. How? Why was God’s word to those reading Revelation not, “Your problems will go away,” or “It will get easier,” but, “I’m in control of history!” What can that be a lesson for us today?
- How can this hope in God’s sovereignty drive us to be better missionaries (remember our gospel identity) and make a difference in the world around us?