

Group Study Guide

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What Kind of God? - "God is Sovereign"

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MESSAGE NOTES:

Daniel 4:34b-35

His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.
All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.
He does as he pleases
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.
No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: "What have you done?"

Job 42:1-6

Then Job replied to the LORD:
"I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?'
Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me to know.
"You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me.'
My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.
Therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and ashes."

STUDY GUIDE:

STEP ONE: Icebreaker (Optional):

- Silly: If you were king or queen of a small nation, what is one law you would immediately enact?
- Serious: Tell us about a time in your life you can look back on and see God's hand at work.

STEP TWO: Prayer & Scripture reading

- Ask someone in your group to pray to open your time together.
- Ask another person to read **Job 42:1-6**

STEP THREE: Discuss Questions

1. What was challenging, encouraging, confusing, or stood out most to you from this past weekend's teaching?
2. What do you know about Job? What is the general storyline? What are some of the key themes?
3. The word "Sovereign" is one that is used a lot in church circles, but not many of us know what it really means. Look through **Job 42:1-6** again. What verses stick out to you that speak about God's sovereignty? How would you define this characteristic based on this passage?
4. How does Job respond to God's sovereignty? What does this teach us about how we should approach God, specifically in tough times?
5. In **verse 5** Job says, *"I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you."* What does Job mean by this? When you think back on your life, can you think of a time you have really "seen" God in a new way?
6. After reflecting on God's sovereignty, Job seems to be more at peace with his situation, despite nothing really changing. Why do you think that is? What is it about God's sovereignty that allows us to rest?
7. In this series, we have learned a lot about who God is. How will knowing about God impact what we do for Him? To put it another way, how can the information you've learned about God impact your transformation into a more devoted follower of Jesus?

STEP FOUR: Prayer

- Ask someone in your group to close in Prayer