



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GRACE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your own words, define the sovereignty of God
2. Why do so many Christians struggle with God's sovereignty? Do you?

Read Ephesians 1:7-11

1. Point out everything in this passage that would lead you to believe that God is sovereign.
2. When Paul writes "all things" in vs.11 he really means "all things."  
-Is it hard for you to fathom that God has planned and is sovereign even over the insignificant, mundane things of your life?

Read Acts 4:23-31

1. How is their prayer different from how you pray or the prayers you typically hear Christians pray?
2. It seems like they had no difficulty praying around the sovereignty of God and yet still asking Him to act - why don't we pray like this?
3. How should the sovereignty of God shape your inner world? Your day to day life?

## PRAYER

Devote time for praying together as a group.

## SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 1:7-11, Acts 4:23-31

**7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, **8** which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight **9** making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. **11** In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

Acts 4:23-31

**23** When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. **24** And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, **25** who through the mouth of our father David, your servant,[a] said by the Holy Spirit,

**26** Why did the Gentiles rage,  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers were gathered together, against the  
Lord and against his Anointed

**27** for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, **28** to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. **29** And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, **30** while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." **31** And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

## DISCUSSION NOTES

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