



Faith Community Church
Sovereign Grace

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Father, so many things in our world tend to make us angry. Help us to see Your Sovereignty over them all and to discern how to trust You through them all.

Key Takeaways:

1. It's never right to be angry with God, but it's always right to take questions to God.
2. Anger towards God often stems from self-pity and a focus on our own emotions.
3. God's grace is sovereign and undeserved - He has the right to extend it to anyone.
4. Even our emotions and attitudes must be held accountable before God.
5. Renewing our mind with biblical truth, repentance, and refraining from judgment is crucial to overcome anger towards God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Were you able to speak a word of truth - judgment/mercy to an unbeliever, or a "goat" of truth to a fellow-Christian? Tell us about it!
2. What kinds of circumstances tempt you to be angry with God? How do verses like Romans 8:28 and Deuteronomy 32:39 apply to those situations?
3. Jonah was angry at God for being merciful to Nineveh. Can you think of a time when you struggled with God showing grace or revealing Himself to someone you felt didn't deserve it? (Jonah 3:10-4:2, Numbers 11:10-14)
4. How does the story of Jonah challenge our understanding of God's grace and mercy? (Romans 9:14-18)
5. The pastor said, "Anger is often rooted in self-pity." Discuss the roots of anger. (James 4:1-3)

6. Discuss the difference between questioning God and asking questions of God. Why is this distinction important? (Contrast Luke 1:18-20 with Luke 1:34,38)
7. How can we practically renew our minds when we're struggling with negative emotions towards God? (Ephesians 4:22-32, Romans 6:16-19)
8. Read John 15:16. How does this one verse outline Sovereign Grace and how we should respond to it? How can this lead us to repentance?
9. The Pastor quoted Sarah Edwards' response to her husband's death. What can we learn from her example? (*"What shall I say? A holy and good God has covered us with a black cloud. Oh, that we may kiss the rod, and lay our hands on our mouth. The Lord has done it... But my God lives; and He has my heart. We are all given to God, and there I am, and love to be."*)

Practical Applications:

1. Memorize a Bible verse about God's character (e.g., Exodus 34:6) to meditate on when struggling with anger towards God.
2. Practice bringing your questions and laments to God in prayer this week, following the example of the Psalms.
3. Identify an area where you're struggling to trust God's sovereignty. Commit to studying Scripture passages related to that topic.
4. Write a letter to God expressing your honest feelings, then respond to yourself from God's perspective based on biblical truths. Be prepared to share this next week!
5. Share with a trusted friend or accountability partner any anger or frustration you're feeling toward God, and ask them to pray with you.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for His patience and grace, even when we struggle. Ask for His help in renewing our minds and trusting His character, especially in difficult circumstances.