



Group Time

Be sure to keep an eye on your time allotment for each activity. Leaders guide the conversation, making sure everyone participates.

First-Third:

1. Member Care:

- a. Leader: Asks, "How is everyone doing?"
- b. Each participant offers a prayer request and a praise.

2. Look Back: Each participant shares (gives an account of) what or how they did on their "Look Forward" activity commitment from the last meeting:

- a. **What was the response to your sharing of Psalm 84:11?**
- b. **If they had questions, what were they and how did you respond?**
- c. **How did it go overall?**

3. Prayers and Praises for what God is doing.



Week 3 – The Sovereignty of God

Second-Third:

1. Look Up: Read Genesis 50:15-21 (Focus on verse 20)

Watch this week's video to cover the main point:

We can trust God because He is in control.

2. Look In: "What is so good about our God?" It's an important question. Of all His attributes, God's sovereignty is one of the most difficult to understand, yet it can be the most comforting. It simply means that He is in control and will accomplish His will, with or without you.

Because God is both good and sovereign, His sovereignty means nothing can stop Him from being good.

POINT: *We can see God's Sovereignty in the Good and Bad.*

We can see God's sovereignty in biblical prophecy. Keep in mind, many of these events took hundreds of years to be fulfilled. We see it in the purpose He gives to life. The problem comes when we allow pain and suffering to define us, and we miss the opportunities to see what God is doing.

Discussion Questions:

1. **How does (or can) knowing God is sovereign help alleviate worry and anxiety?**
2. **Can you reflect on an experience that was painful, bad, or maybe even evil, that God in his sovereignty used for good?**
3. **How is God, in His sovereignty, teaching, refining, or preparing you?**

Final-Third:

1. **Look Forward:** What is something practical (measurable) I can DO before our next meeting, in obedience to the lesson?
 - **Knowing God is sovereign, what will you do differently this week in your attitudes, actions and prayers?**
 - **Write out a prayer to reflect this and pray it daily.**
 - **Journal the ways God responded to your prayer.**
 - **Next meeting be prepared to share how it went.**
2. **Practice:** If this step involves going someplace or committing to an activity, plan it out now. What is the schedule? If this step involves talking with someone (ex: sharing the Good News or asking for forgiveness), what will you say? Who will you say it to? Practice that now to get feedback and suggestions.
3. **Pray** for one another to be obedient to do this step, commissioning one another for the task. Praise God for speaking into our lives.