



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Summer Series 24: The Sovereignty of God

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14; Psalm 115:1-3

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1. Do you feel that there is anything you were “made for”? How long have you felt this way?
2. A.W. Tozer presents many of the questions that are asked about the Sovereignty of God and the referenced predestination. “If God rules His universe by His sovereign decrees, how is it possible for man to exercise free choice? And if he cannot exercise freedom of choice, how can he be held responsible for his conduct? Is he not a mere puppet whose actions are determined by a behind-the-scenes God who pulls the strings as it pleases Him?” Have you ever felt this way before? Do any additional questions come to mind?
3. Psalm 115:3 says, “Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.” Have you ever considered that God can do whatever He wants and there are no limitations? In one sense, God is the only one who is “free” to do as He pleases. What does this mean about His sovereignty?
4. Let’s read Ephesians 1:3-14. This is a section of prayer and praise that Paul shares. What key themes and ideas stick out to you or resonate most?
5. In this passage, Paul states, “even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world...he predestined us for adoption to himself as son through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will...according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time...having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will...” This passage speaks to God’s sovereignty in light of his eternity. How do these two attributes of God’s character work together?
6. Have you heard the term “predestination” before? How has it been described to you? How would you articulate it?
7. How does it matter that God chose you before He created the world? This would also mean that God chose you before you were before and before you had ever done a single thing. How does this influence your view of God’s love and salvation?
8. As kids we learn to sing, “He’s got the whole world in His hands...” While it is easy enough to sing, it can be difficult for us to believe and live this truth. “The Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth” (Daniel 4:17, NIV). Let’s pray for our lives, our nation, and the world, as we trust in God’s sovereignty.