

Uniqueness of Jesus series

Jesus complete trust in God's Sovereignty

What did God speak to you about on Sunday? What can you remember from Duncan's message?

Summary: In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus declared his trust in God's sovereign power, Jesus prayed to know the sovereign will of the Father, and Jesus yielded to his sovereign plan. Mark 14:32-42

Note to leaders: Please don't feel you have to use every question - the aim of your discussion is to understand the implications and importance of knowing the Sovereignty of God in our personal lives.

Read: Psalm 139 together. Use the truth in this Psalm as you tackle these questions.

1. Name 3 or more good things that have happened to you today? How did you thank God for them? (see also Psalm 92:1-4)
2. Some people have superstitious thoughts, such as not walking under a ladder, being afraid when a black cat crosses your path, avoiding the cracks on a pavement, or carrying a good luck object. How do superstitious thoughts affect you or others around you? How do these thoughts or actions increase or decrease your trust in God?
3. Some people believe that luck or chance are causing events to happen in their life? If you feel like this what effect does this have on your thoughts and anxieties about the future? (See also Jeremiah 29:11-13)
4. Jesus knew that during his ministry that his life would lead him to the Cross, yet he still prayed to know God's Sovereign will. How can the sovereignty of God lead us to a more active prayer life? (See Psalm 139:23-24)
5. How do you think and feel about God and the events in your life in light of teaching on the Sovereignty of God? (See Psalm 139:7-12) Can you think of other verses?

Spend time praying for each other and through any issues that may have arisen.

(Note to leaders: if anyone has had a deeply superstitious background, into horoscopes or the occult - even fringe activity, they will need specific prayer. It may be best to deal with this outside of the evening. If you need extra support it is available through the pastoral team or the Elders)

An Alternative Study on the life of Jonah

(this will need a little more preparation from you as a leader)

Read together: Jonah chapter 1 - And then summarise the rest of the book.

Discuss how do you see the sovereignty of God working in Jonah's life. (Particularly think about God's sovereignty and Jonah's responses, and God's sovereignty over People, Cities, nature, natural events, and creatures.

Pray through the issues you have learnt and for each other.