



## The Father Is Sovereign

**Focus** God has supreme authority to act, and He doesn't answer to anyone or anything, yet He does nothing that is not for our good and His glory.

**Open** If you could have any job in the world, which one would you want? Why?

- Talk**
1. What does "sovereign" mean? What does it mean that God has "sovereign authority"?
  2. Read Psalm 103. God is sovereign and therefore can do whatever He pleases. Specifically, what does this chapter tell us about God's character and His intentions towards each of us?
  3. *"Through His Sovereign authority, God is guiding all of History to an end-time revival and the glorious return of His Son! No decision that man will make can change that outcome, but through free will we have been given the choice to "opt in/opt out" of participating in His plan."* ~ Pastor Tom Lane
    - a. Practically, what do we do to "opt in" to participating in God's sovereign plan?
    - b. How do we "opt out"?
  4. What does "opting in" to participating in God's sovereign plan do in us and in our relationship with God (i.e., creates peace)? Does "opting in" mean that life becomes easier, is always "fair" or makes sense? Why or why not?

5. Why is prayer a way to “opt in” to God’s sovereign plan? In what way(s) does prayer change things?

**Live**

1. What is a situation, relationship or area of your life in which it has been difficult for you to see God’s sovereign hand at work? Why do you think that is?
2. What idea or thought that came up through this discussion meant the most to you? Why?
3. Ask yourself if you have knowingly “opted in” to God’s sovereign plan for your life. If you have, how can you take another step forward into embracing God’s plan? If you haven’t, are you willing to embrace and “opt in” to God’s plan for your life now? Write down your answers privately.

**Pray**

In groups of two or three, pray and ask God to reveal Himself in a greater way in the situations that have been difficult for you to see His hand at work. Ask Him to help you trust Him when you can’t see Him moving. Pray that the Lord will help you to take another step towards fully embracing His plan for each of your lives.