

LIFE-Groups

Week #13—The Control Of God

Isaiah 45—49

As we study the sovereignty of God we study one of the hardest concepts of God to understand. We know that God is in control of all things. We are glad and find comfort that God is in control. But God's sovereignty can also cause us to ask several questions about the sovereignty of God in our lives.

1. Is God In Control? - We find ourselves asking this when things seem to get out of control.

When was a time in your life when things seemed to get out of control?

Did you question God's control in that situation?

What seemed out of control for Isaiah?

Read 45:1-7

What do these passages say about Cyrus?

Cyrus was a foreign king to Israel. What does this say about God using someone for His purposes?

2. What Is God Doing? - There are times when we wonder what God is doing or why God is doing it. What does Isaiah say about the works of God?

Read Isaiah 45:9-13

What does Isaiah say about questioning God?

How does this give comfort in our distress?

3. Why Should I Trust God? - Ultimately we must learn to trust in the sovereignty of God. What do these passages say about trusting God?

Isaiah 45:15-19

45:21-25

46:8-13

48:12-21

When do you find it hard to trust God?

4. How Do I Know God's Purpose? - Our greatest need is to know God and His purpose for our lives. What do these passages say about God's purpose?

Isaiah 46:8-11

Isaiah 48:12-14

Isaiah 49:1-6

How do we gain strength in understanding God's purpose for our life?