

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.*

## *God – Discover His Character*

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### **Lesson 5 – God Is Sovereign**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

When people enter the military, they take an oath. In the context of obeying "...the orders of the officers appointed over me," describe the concept of being under authority in the military.

**Mt. 8:9** How effective is that concept in the civilian world?

#### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION**

##### **Read Daniel 2: 1-28, 45b-47**

1. What was Nebuchadnezzar's original problem? vv 1-5
2. Why did he test their competence? v. 9
3. How did Daniel find out about it? v. 13
4. What was Daniel's reaction? vv 14 - 16
5. What did he ask his friends to do? v. 18
6. How did God help Daniel? v. 19
7. How did Nebuchadnezzar know that *God* gave Daniel the answer? v. 28
8. What was Nebuchadnezzar's view of God after Daniel's interpretation? v. 46
9. What do these verses say about the extent of God's sovereignty?

##### **Read Daniel 4:29-31; Proverbs 19:21; Jeremiah 10:23, 24.**

10. What was wrong with Nebuchadnezzar's view of God's sovereignty?
11. How might a person develop such a view of God (and himself)?
12. How can you make sure that your perspective is more like that of Daniel?
13. If God is sovereign, why do we pray? **John 8:28,29**
14. If God is in control, why are there so many tsunamis, earthquakes, murders, etc.? **Rom 8:28,29**

#### **APPLICATION**

- What plans about the future do you need to turn over to God's sovereign control?
- What do you fear that God might ask of you if you completely surrender to Him? What must you do to gain God's perspective?

***"Part of our problem with accepting God's authority and honoring Him is that we have lost our concept of majesty...Saying "No, Lord" is a contradiction in terms for the true disciple of Jesus Christ."*** – Dr. Bill Bright