

### Goals

- Application (how did God's Word touch your life?)
- Discussion not teaching (how can you, the leader, get others to do the talking?)

**Focus on: Our comfort in and reliance on God's sovereignty over history and our lives.**

### Questions:

- Read Proverbs 21:1 –
  - Does God *seem* to be in charge of events in the world (or our country) today? What makes us wonder and worry about whether this is so?
  - Read I Chron. 5:26 and Isaiah 10:5-6. Would the people of Israel have wondered if God was still in charge? How did God reassure them of His sovereign rule?
- Read Proverbs 21:2 –
  - Are we always wrong about everything? Isn't it dangerous to second guess every decision we make? [Ordering food, buying a car, telling kids to go to bed, choosing a toothbrush etc...]
  - What is a wise way – in practical matters – to take note of what this verse says? [e.g. Prov. 11:14, 15:22, 24:6 and other texts in the rest of the Bible.]
- What do you think of the "demand for an apology" which we hear about much today from many quarters? Comment on it in the light of Proverbs 21:2.
  - What kind of an 'apology' does it lead to?
  - Does Scripture command us to demand apologies?
  - Why is there so much emphasis in the Bible, instead, on seeking forgiveness?
- How does God weigh our hearts? How do we open ourselves up to allow the Holy Spirit to weigh our hearts?