



CONNECT

With Thanksgiving and Christmas quickly approaching, do you have any unique family traditions? Share them with the group.

REVIEW

Read John 3:20. Why are we tempted to conceal our sin? What is the danger of this?

What is sovereignty? How does God's sovereignty affect your day-to-day living? How does sovereignty connect to human responsibility?

Read Genesis 45:1-15. How is Joseph able to reach the conclusion? What gave him such a confidence in God's sovereign use of his brothers' sin?

What is the importance of perspective when facing suffering and hardship?

How does God's sovereignty affect your daily life? What does the story of Joseph teach us about trusting in God's sovereignty in the midst of difficulties?

In what ways does God's sovereignty change the way that you view the election on Tuesday? No matter what comes, what can Christians be confident of?



Explain how God's sovereignty and human responsibility are seen in the story of Jesus.

STUDY

Read Acts 4:13-26. This story tells us of one of the first seasons of persecution the church experienced in Jerusalem. Read the passage and then answer the following questions.

- Why were Peter and John persecuted? Are there any similarities to Joseph's experience? Have you experienced similar suffering?
- In verse 24, the disciples describe God as "Sovereign Lord" in the midst of persecution. What can we learn from this?
- Imagine that you are in the situation facing Peter and John. How do you think you would respond?

APPLY

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6. Spend some time praying for the election this Tuesday. Pray for a trust in God's sovereignty over our nation.