



ANSWERS: Unit 1: Who Is God?

Learning to know and love God for who He is, His character, attributes, and being.

Lesson 4 God Is Sovereign

Day One *Ruler of All*

Read 1 Chronicles 29:11–13 and answer questions 1–5:

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹²Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. ¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:11–13

1. Is there anything in heaven and earth that does not belong to God (v. 11a)? Yes No (Underline One)

2. Who is exalted (praised, honored, glorified) as head over all (v. 11b)?

The LORD, God, or Yahweh.

3. Who is the ruler of all things (v. 12a)?

The LORD, God, or Yahweh

4. Who has the power to exalt (raise in rank, power or character) and give strength (v. 12b)?

The LORD, God, or Yahweh

Action Step

5. Give God thanks and praise (admire, honor) for His glorious name (v. 13). Write your praise:

Personal answer of praise.

Bible references in lesson:

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

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God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? Numbers 23:19

... in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time ... Titus 1:2

6. Read Jeremiah 32:17. How much power do you think it took to make the universe?

Personal answer but certainly mind-boggling power!

“Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.” Jeremiah 32:17

7. Read Job 23:13. No one can resist or defeat God. He does whatever He pleases.

“But he stands alone, and who can oppose him? He does whatever he pleases.” Job 23:13

8. Read Isaiah 14:27. No one can stop God and His plans. When He decides to do something, no one can turn it back.

“For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?” Isaiah 14:27 (Thwart means to stop or prevent.)

9. Did God allow Joseph to be rejected and abused by his brothers? Yes No (Underline One)

10. Have you ever been rejected and abused by family? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal answer. You or one of your team members may be recalling raw and tender feelings. Memories may be hurtful. Please pray and discuss as you and others are led by the Holy Spirit.

11. Read Psalm 27:10. Who receives you and holds you close, even if others, including your mother and father, leave or desert you?

The LORD, God, Yahweh, or Jesus.

Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. Psalm 27:10
(The Hebrew word translated receive, also means to gather, take up, accept, or hold close)

12. Share a time when God gave *you* success or granted *you* favor?

Personal answer. Encourage one another this week to seek God’s favor, and then look for it. Remember to be thankful for all blessings, even water to drink.

Action Step

13. Recite or write Psalm 33:11 without looking at the Bible or notes:

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

—End Day One—

Day Two

The God Who Wants to be Known

Bible references in lesson:

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
Psalm 90:4

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:8

14. Do you think being upset with circumstances in your life is the same as being upset with God? Yes No Maybe (Underline One) Explain your answer:

Personal answer but yes, being upset with circumstances is the same as being upset with God because He is in control of all circumstances. When we are upset with circumstances we are not placing our faith in the God who controls all things. Whether or not God caused the situation or allowed it, He decides how He will work it out for good. Instead of being upset, we should pray for God to intervene and give Him glory for being sovereign.

For example, there is a woman who had two abortions. After she trusted in Jesus and had a lot of guilt, she questioned why God allowed her to have the abortions. *Why didn't He stop her?* Yes, God could have stopped her, but He allowed her free will to have the abortions. But after a while she realized how much good is coming from her life. She is working for a "pregnancy life" center and helping women make wise decisions in not aborting their child. She even speaks to audiences and through social media to help others. She came to realize that God allowed her to make these decisions, but He is still good and used her situation to help many others.

15. Name three ways the sovereign hand of God was at work in Joseph's life from ages 17–31:

The answer can be found from the lesson itself or the Bible. Here are seven ways the sovereign hand of God was at work in Joseph's life (there could be more):

- 1) God initially gave Joseph a dream he shared with his brothers.
- 2) God allowed Joseph to be sold into slavery.
- 3) God gave Joseph favor wherever he went.
- 4) God put Joseph into prison.
- 5) God had two of the king's officials placed in prison with Joseph.
- 6) God gave Joseph the ability or gift of interpreting dreams.
- 7) God gave Pharaoh a dream that no one except Joseph could interpret.

Bible references in lesson:

The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion. Psalm 11:5

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? Psalm 13:1

Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; Psalm 26:2

... because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:3

For even his own brothers did not believe in him. John 7:5

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. Luke 4:16

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. Luke 4:28–29

Read Isaiah 53:10–11 and answer questions 16–18:

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities [sins]. Isaiah 53:10–11 (This prophecy, written about 700 years before Jesus birth, refers to Him as the suffering servant.)

16. Was it the Lord's sovereign plan and will for Jesus to suffer (v. 10a)? Yes No (Underline One)

17. The Lord makes Jesus' life an offering for _____ sin _____ (v. 10b).

18. What is the result of God's plan in Jesus' suffering (v. 11b)?

Jesus, God's righteous servant, justifies many, and he bears their iniquities or sins.

God is made known through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Jesus suffered so we may have forgiveness and everlasting life.

Bible references in lesson:

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. Genesis 12:2–3

So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."⁷ Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.⁸ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. Galatians 3:6–9

19. How are you sharing or telling others about Jesus?

Personal answer, but please encourage each other no matter how you or the others answer the question. If sharing regularly, praise God. If not, encourage each other to think about who Jesus is to them personally and tell someone. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide the team. *Unit 2, Blessing Others*, will go more into detail about sharing one's faith. In the meantime, pray for each other's endeavors in sharing Christ.

Bible references in lesson:

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36–40

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Hebrews 7:25

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,
1 Timothy 2:5

Read Genesis 50:18–20 and answer questions 20–22:

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said. ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.” Genesis 50:18–20

20. What did Joseph’s brothers say when they threw themselves down before him (v. 18)?

We are your slaves.

21. What does Joseph mean when he said, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God?” (v. 18)

God is in control, not Joseph; he will not take revenge. Revenge belongs to God.

22. Write out v. 20 and then share how this verse encourages you:

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Person Answer

Bible references in lesson:

For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.³² Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.³³ For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.
Lamentations 3:31–33

Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. Isaiah 53:10

When a trumpet sounds in a city, do not the people tremble? When disaster comes to a city, has not the LORD caused it? Amos 3:6

Read Daniel 4:35 and answer questions 23–24:

All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?” Daniel 4:35

23. God does as He pleases with the _____ **powers** _____ of _____ **heaven** _____ and the _____ **peoples** _____ of the _____ **earth** _____.

24. Does anyone have a right to question how God runs the world? Yes **No** (Underline One)

Action Step

25. Meditate (think deeply) about God being sovereign. How does this activity of God affect (shape, influence) your relationship with Him?

Personal Answer

—End Day Two—

Day Three

Blessing and Judgment

26. Read Job 42:1–2. Can any plan of God’s be thwarted (stopped)? Yes **No** (Underline One)

Then Job replied to the LORD: ² "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Job 42:1–2

Read Job 42:3–6 and answer questions 27–29:

“You (God) asked, ‘Who is this that obscures (hides, conceals) my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I (Job) spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. ⁴“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ ⁵My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” Job 42:3–6 (parentheses added)

27. God wants to know who would dare question His plans with such limited understanding. How did Job answer (v. 3b)?

Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

28. God then told Job to listen while He spoke. God would question Job, and he was to answer. How did Job respond (v. 5)?

My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.

29. Why did Job despise himself and repent in dust and ashes (v. 6)?

Job spoke of the things of God that he did not understand and so he humbled himself before the Lord.

But going a little deeper, Job sees his own righteousness as nothing compared with a holy God. He humbles himself and repents of his sins. During Job's ordeal, he tried to justify himself and spoke without knowledge.

Bible reference in lesson:

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." ¹⁰"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. ¹¹He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." ¹²"Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. John 9:1-12

30. Read John 9:3. How were the works of God displayed in the blind man?

Jesus miraculously gave the blind man the gift of sight.

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." John 9:3

31. Read Ezekiel 39:21. How is God displaying His glory?

God displays His glory through the punishment He inflicts on the nation of Israel.

"I will display my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see the punishment I inflict and the hand I lay on them." Ezekiel 39:21

32. How did God make Himself known through the blessings He gave to Job, Joseph, and the blind man?

In each case, God's blessings were so incredible that people and nations would know they could not credit them to man's abilities but to God.

God made Himself known through the blessings He gave to Job, Joseph, and the blind man by revealing His power, faithfulness, and mercy in each of their lives.

Job: God allowed Job to endure severe trials, yet Job's faith remained strong. In the end, God restored Job's health, wealth, and family, showing His power to redeem and bless those who remain faithful. God blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. Job was given wealth, sons, and daughters and lived to be 140 years old (Job 42:12–17).

Joseph: Despite being sold into slavery and falsely imprisoned, Joseph trusted in God. God blessed him with wisdom and leadership, raising him to a position of power in Egypt to save many from famine. This revealed God's sovereignty and His ability to bring good out of suffering.

The Blind Man: Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth, demonstrating God's compassion and power. Through this miracle, God showed that He not only cares about our physical needs but also seeks to open our spiritual eyes to His truth.

In each case, God's blessings served as a testimony of His nature, revealing His goodness and desire to be known and trusted by His people.

Action Step

33. Think about Joseph, Job, and the blind man we wrote about in this lesson. Pray and ask God to use *you* to make His name known. Share any impressions (ideas, feelings) *you* have about God's answer:

Personal Answer

34. Read Ezekiel 20:9. God acts to protect His identity and His _____ **name** _____.

But for the sake of my name, I brought them out of Egypt. I did it to keep my name from being profaned in the eyes of the nations among whom they lived and in whose sight I had revealed myself to the Israelites. Ezekiel 20:9 (Profane in this context is disrespecting or ridiculing God.)

Reference in lesson:

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:1–3

35. Read Exodus 32:13. In asking God not to be angry with the Israelites, who does Moses want God to remember (v. 13a)?

Moses reminded God of His word or promise to Abraham, Isaac and Israel (Jacob).

“Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” Exodus 32:13

Bible references in lesson:

Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.
Exodus 32:14

This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: He was preparing swarms of locusts after the king's share had been harvested and just as the late crops were coming up. ²When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, "Sovereign LORD, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" ³So the LORD relented. "This will not happen," the LORD said. ⁴This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: The Sovereign LORD was calling for judgment by fire; it dried up the great deep and devoured the land. ⁵Then I cried out, "Sovereign LORD, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!" ⁶So the LORD relented. "This will not happen either," the Sovereign LORD said. Amos 7:1–6

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹²So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:7–12

36. Read James 4:2–3 and fill in the blanks. You do not have because you do not ask God (v. 2c). When you do ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, (reason for doing something), that you may spend what you get on your pleasures (v. 3).

You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. James 4:2–3 (compare Matthew 7:7–12)

Bible reference in lesson:

“And you took your sons and daughters whom you bore to me and sacrificed them as food to the idols. Was your prostitution not enough? ²¹ You slaughtered my children and sacrificed them to the idols.” Ezekiel 16:20–21

37. Read Ezekiel 14:21. What are four judgments that the LORD may send?

1) sword 2) famine 3) wild beasts and 4) plague

“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem my four dreadful judgments—sword and famine and wild beasts and plague—to kill its men and their animals!” Ezekiel 14:21

38. Read Ezekiel 14:23. The Sovereign Lord does nothing without _____ **cause** _____.

“You will be consoled when you see their conduct and their actions, for you will know that I have done nothing in it without cause, declares the Sovereign LORD.” Ezekiel 14:23

(Note: You is plural and refers the exiled Israelites in Babylon.)

Bible references in lesson:

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11–15

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. Romans 14:10)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10

Read Ezekiel 33:11 and answer questions 39–40:

Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’ Ezekiel 33:11 (c.f. Lamentations 3:32–33, where the prophet Jeremiah reminds God’s people that He also shows compassion.)

39. Does God take any pleasure in the death of the wicked (11a)? Yes **No** (Underline One)

40. What does God want for the wicked (11b)?

God wants the wicked to turn from their ways and live.

Read Ezekiel 36:33–36 and answer questions 41–42:

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. ³⁴The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. ³⁵They will say, ‘This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited.’ ³⁶Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the LORD have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.” Ezekiel 36:33–36

41. Will God resettle the destroyed towns and desolate land (vs. 33–34)? Yes No (Underline One)

42. With God’s blessings on Israel’s towns and land, what will the nations know (v. 36)?

The nations will know that the LORD rebuilt the towns and replanted the land.

—End Day Three—

Day Four

Responsibility for Thoughts and Actions

Bible reference in lesson:

“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’” Jeremiah 18:11

Read Jeremiah 18:5–6 and answer questions 43–45:

Then the word of the LORD came to me (Jeremiah). ⁶He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.” Jeremiah 18:5–6 (parentheses added)

43. What does it mean that the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah (v. 5)?

When the phrase “the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah” appears, it means that God directly communicated His message to Jeremiah. This expression indicates that Jeremiah received a revelation from God, guiding him on what to declare to Israel. It underscores that Jeremiah's message was not his own ideas but God’s words and intentions for His people.

Simply, God was calling Jeremiah to declare or proclaim His message.

44. God compares Himself to a potter and Israel to clay (v. 6)?

45. How do these words of God (potter) speak to *you* (clay) today?

Personal answer. Reminder: all people are like clay in God’s hand to be molded and guided. God is our sovereign Lord, maker and sustainer of everything. God has the right to mold Israel and everyone. He has the right to mold us today.

Read Jeremiah 18:7–10 and answer questions 46–47:

If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. Jeremiah 18:7–10

46. Name one reason God will change His mind about sending *disaster* He has planned (vs.7–8).

If the nation God warned repents of its evil, then God will relent and not inflict on it the disaster He had planned.

47. What is one reason God will reconsider the *good* He had intended or planned (vs. 9–10)?

If the nation does evil in God’s sight and does not obey Him, then He will reconsider the good He had intended to do for it.

Bible references in lesson:

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. Ephesians 1:4–6

What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. ¹⁷For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that

my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸*Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.* Romans 9:14–18

—End Day Four—

Day Five

The God who Is Always Right

Read Romans 9:19–21 and answer questions 48–49:

One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?" ²⁰*But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"* ²¹*Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?* Romans 9:19–21

48. Do we have the right to talk back to God and accuse Him (vs. 20–21)? Yes No (Underline One)?

49. Does God have the right to make people in any fashion He chooses (v. 21)? Yes No (Underline One)

50. Write below any difficulty or challenge you are going through now

Personal prayer request. The team can pray for each other as a group and also in individual prayer time.

Read Exodus 6:1 and answer questions 51–52:

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." Exodus 6:1

51. What five words does God use twice in this verse to describe His sovereign power?

Because of my mighty hand.

52. How did Pharaoh's choice *not* to release the Hebrews affect God's plan to free His people?

It did not change God's plan to free His people. He still freed them but through different means such as the plagues and the parting of the Red Sea.

Exodus 7:3–5 and answer questions 53–55:

"But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt, ⁴he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites.⁵ And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it." Exodus 7:3–5

53. What does God say He will do to Pharaoh's heart (v. 3)?

Harden it.

54. After the Lord hardens Pharaoh's heart, will he listen to Moses (v. 4)? Yes No
(Underline One)

55. Through the judgments God brings upon Egypt, what will they come to know (v. 5)?

God is the LORD. Or the LORD is the one, true living God.

Bible reference in lesson:

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Read Deuteronomy 30:19 and Joshua 24:15 and answer questions 56–58:

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.
Deuteronomy 30:19

"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

56. Write the meaning of these verses in your own words:

People have the right to choose to serve God and be blessed or to choose to serve idols (or Satan) and be cursed.

57. Did the Israelites have a choice regarding whom they would serve? Yes No (Underline One)

58. Do you have a choice regarding whom you will serve? Yes No (Underline One)

Bible references in lesson:

For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. Jude 1:4

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” Matthew 11:27

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them. John 3:36

... for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:13

59. How will understanding personally that God is sovereign and yet *you* are still responsible for *your* choices and actions influence your life?

Personal answer, but something like this: I will take my choices and actions more seriously. They have eternal consequences. However, as I am careful to follow Jesus each day, I am at peace and secure knowing God is directing my life and will make sure I overcome adversity. I will be victorious in my sovereign Lord.

Action Step

60. Memorize Habakkuk 3:19 and write or recite it for your team.

The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

—End Day Five and Lesson 4—

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