

Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

February 7th, 2010

Focus: To explore the relationship God offers his people, both as a father and a sovereign Lord.

The Book of Jonah Angry With a Sovereign God- Lesson #6

Introduction: All of us have been angry with God at one time or another. We may have felt wronged, hurt, or alone. Certainly this is nothing new. Reading the Psalms we find every human emotion directed at God.

- Begin tonight with a discussion about feelings of anger towards the Lord.
- Discuss what you were taught by your upbringing on how to deal with anger towards God.
- Share what age and experience have taught you in this realm.

Text: Jonah 4:1-4

- Reconnect with this story of Jonah.
- Read Jonah 4:1-4 and discuss your initial thoughts.
- Discuss the significance of Jonah's anger being given to God in the form of a prayer.
- Why is Jonah really angry?
- What one word describes Jonah in this text?
- Discuss the Lord's answer in verse 4.

Application:

- How do you deal with the sovereignty of God when as humans we sometimes believe we know best?
- What has time taught you about God's sovereignty and love?
- Have you the right to be angry with God?
- Discuss how your anger with God has been both a positive and a negative in your journey.
- How has your displeasure with God revealed your broken human nature?