

# Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

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*Focus: To engage in the tension of God as both Sovereign Lord and Compassionate Father as seen in the book of Jonah.*

## The Book of Jonah Divine Tension- Lesson #8

**Introduction:** All of us are familiar with stories where one family prays for a miracle and receives the answer they desire. Another family prays for the same miracle and they are met with rejection.

- Share stories tonight with your group of when God has said yes.
- Share stories tonight with your group of when God has said no.
- Explore the reality of the sovereignty of God.
- Explore the reality of mans prayers having the ability to change God's mind.
- Discuss this tension.

**Text:** The book of Jonah

- Re-engage the story of Jonah.
- Share your thoughts on the picture of God this book paints.
- Share your thoughts on the picture of mankind this book paints.
- God is both sovereign and love...how did Jonah deal with that tension.
- Describe the relationship God has with Jonah and compare and contrast it to the relationship you have with Him.

**Application:**

- What kind of relationship is possible with this sovereign God?
- How do you deal with Him telling you no?
- Speak about the love of this sovereign Lord.
- Share your thoughts on the necessity of God being both Grace and Truth...what are the consequences of us treating him as if he were just one.