

The Response to Grace
Text: John 18:1-11
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Big Idea: Jesus is sovereign over all and can't be stopped; you must believe in Him.

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

"Sovereignty: God's exercise of power over creation."-Grudem

- a) How does knowing God is sovereign and only acts out of His grace towards you impact you?
- b) What are some fruits that are shown in the life that is trusting in God's sovereignty?
- c) What fruits are shown in one who is not trusting in God's sovereignty?
- d) Why is it difficult to trust God is sovereign over the situations you face?

Fear not! Jesus is the sovereign Saviour who...

Point 1: HAS a PLAN: Can't Stop It! (vv. 1-6)

Key Question: Jesus will accomplish His plan in His way. Will you trust Him?

Question #6

- a) Why did Jesus choose the Garden of Gethsemane to head to?
- b) How would you feel if you were one of the disciples watching what is unfolding in the garden? Why?
- c) List examples that reveal that it is Jesus who is really in control of every detail of what's happening.
- d) Where are you finding it most difficult right now to trust that Jesus has it under control & will only work that situation out for your good?
- e) What should be our response in heart and hand to the sovereignty of Christ in each situation?

Question #7

- a) **Rd. John 14:27.** What peace does Jesus give us through the gospel that this world cannot?
- b) Shares scriptures that show how we can remain in His peace no matter what is happening.
- c) What next step(s) do you need to take to increasingly remain in His peace this week?

Point 2: **FULFILLS His WORD: Don't Doubt It! (vv. 7-11)**

Question: Jesus will fulfill every part of His Word. Will you believe and stand firm?

Question #8

Don't Doubt: His Protection (vv. 7-9)

- a) What was Jesus doing on behalf of the disciples? Why did He need to do this?
- b) Does Jesus' protection over our lives mean we will never suffer/have trials? What does it mean
- c) Share scriptures of how Jesus has promised to protect the faith of His children.
- d) How should the promise of Christ's protection of our faith, lead us to walk by faith and not sight?
- e) What situation(s) do you struggle with unbelief the most? Why those ones?
- f) Share gospel promises that specifically address those areas & commit them to prayer this week.

Question #9

Don't Doubt: His Direction (vv. 10-11)

- a) Was Peter's response an act of faith or foolishness? Why did he respond this way?
- b) By acting out in this way, was Peter resisting God's will or submitting to it? Why?
- c) Why is it difficult to trust in & submit to God's direction in your situations?
- d) What are the impacts when, instead of submitting to God's Word, we try doing what we think is right or should happen?
- e) What situation(s) do you need to humble yourself and submit to God's direction in what you face?

SERIES PREVIEW

Question #10

- a) What is the purpose John wrote this gospel for?
- b) What are you most looking forward to in this series?
- c) What question(s) do you have about this last section of the book?
- d) How do you want to grow in your relationship to Christ through this series?
- e) Spend time in prayer individually and as a group asking the Lord to prepare your hearts for this series.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Jesus, you are the sovereign Lord who _____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Confess & repent of unbelief in His sovereignty & resistance to it.
- c) THANKSGIVING to God: Thank Jesus for His sovereign protection & direction over you.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Ask the Lord for an increasing faith in His sovereignty and goodness.

Memory Verse:

"...for I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning...saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'" -Isaiah 46:9b-10

