

This midweek study will explore God's unlimited power. Use the following main points, Scriptures, teaching/discussion ideas, and questions to help students gain a better understanding of the essential doctrine for this session.

Essential Doctrine: God is Omnipotent

God is all-powerful: there is nothing God cannot do so long as it does not contradict His own nature or law. God has power and authority over the universe He created, from the largest solar system to the smallest particle. Affirming that God is all-powerful does not mean that God can sin—since that would go against His perfect moral nature. As Christians, we rest in the belief that the God who has all power is good, and we gain great comfort by knowing that an all-powerful God is working for our good and joy.

1 God's power is unlimited and He is sovereign over the universe He created. (Job 42:1-2; Ps. 135:6; Jer. 32:27)

Option: Invite students to call out some things they see or experience that make them think of God's power. (Perhaps a thunderstorm, the ocean, a tornado, etc.)

Read Job 42:1-2.

- ▶ *Job said that no plan of God's can be thwarted. What does the Bible tell us of God's plans for the world?*

Among other things, that the gospel will be preached to the nations and then the end will come (Matt. 24:14).

- ▶ *Job said that God can do anything. What are some examples from the Bible of God's power? How about from Job's life?*

Answers may include: The Israelites crossing the Red Sea, God raising Jesus from the dead, and so on. God allowed Satan to take away almost everything from Job, but then God was able to restore much of what Job had lost.

- ▶ *How does creation reveal God's power?*

2 God cannot do anything that would violate His own moral perfection. (Ps. 145:17; Heb. 6:18)

Read Psalm 145:17.

- ▶ *What do we mean when we say God is righteous?*
He does what is fair and just. He always does what is right.
- ▶ *What do we mean when we say God is gracious in all He does?*
God's grace is His undeserved favor. We receive good things from Him only as a gift, not because we deserve them.

3 God's sovereign control of the world is for our good and His glory. (Ps. 103:19; 139; 145:9; Eph. 1:11-12)

Read Psalm 103:19.

- ▶ *What is God's kingdom and how does it relate to His power?*

God's kingdom is His rule or reign, in which He exercises His power for His glory and the good of all creation.

Read Psalm 145:9.

- ▶ *Why is it important for Christians to believe they are new people? How does that help us grow?*
- ▶ *In what ways is God good to everyone?*

God's common grace is freely given to all people (Matt. 5:45; Acts 14:17). This includes being made in His image and having what we need to survive.

WRAP IT UP

God would not be God if He was not all-powerful. If He was limited in some way, then He would be subject to whatever or whoever was limiting Him. Thankfully, that is not the case. His omnipotence is not just a theological concept; it is a great reality that should boost our confidence in His ability to help us in any situation.

- ▶ *How have you seen God's power in your own life? Is His power always flashy or can it be subtle sometimes too?*
- ▶ *Why do you think God restrains His power to immediately wipe out all evil?*