

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
JUNE 13, 2021

**THE LORD BUILDS HIS CHURCH HIS WAY**  
**ISAIAH 45:1-13**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

Our Sovereign Lord will build His church his way.

- I. Our Sovereign Lord's Plan (v.1-3a)
- II. Our Sovereign Lord's Purpose (v.3b-8)
- III. Our Sovereign Lord's Prerogative (v.9-13)

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

- 1. What does God's naming of Cyrus 150 years before he was born teach us about God's power and plan for his people? How does it contrast with our own knowledge of the future and short-term understanding of events?
- 2. Reflect on the comfort of the Lord's sovereignty. Where would the church be without a sovereign God? Consider Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 5, Paragraph 7
- 3. Why do we chafe at verse 7 and similar verses about God's sovereignty over evil? What in that verse do we deserve? What do we not deserve?
- 4. How should a passage like this spur us on in the Lord's service? How would you use it to encourage a brother or sister who is tempted to give up on the church's future?

**FURTHER READING:** Ex 3:14, Ex 9:16; Prov 21:1; Isa 2:1-3; Matt 16:18; Matt 10:28-31; John 8:12; John 10:14-16; Rom 9:20