

6. How does prayer fit into the sovereignty of God? Why should we bother praying if God already knows the outcome, and already knows the desires of our hearts?

# Sermon Notes

"Where is God?"  
Pastor Duane Miller  
Various Texts  
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## Introduction

Where is God when we need him the most?

### Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

*Mike King - Youth for Christ Red River*

Pray that kids will encounter Jesus in a life changing way as Mike leads and shares the Gospel.

A. Have the right \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of how we feel.

Conclusion:

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 9-17-17

## Getting Started:

1. Have you ever faced a life-or-death situation? How did you handle it??

## Digging Deeper:

2. What questions about God do you have that grow out of the speaker's description of the canoeing accident? Or other tragedies?
3. In the wake of tragic circumstances, Christians often celebrate God's sovereign control such that pain and loss were minimized, and destruction that could have been worse was kept in check. But more skeptical minds might ask, "Why didn't this all powerful God, who can orchestrate an intricate sequence of events to minimize loss, not just prevent the whole catastrophe in the first place?" How might you answer that question?

4. Scripture often reminds us of an eternal perspective. These reminders are crucial given our tendency to focus exclusively on the here and now. In what areas of life do the following texts remind us to maintain an eternal perspective?

Matthew 6:19-21

Matthew 16:24-27

Romans 8:19-21

2 Corinthians 4:16; 5:1-2

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1 Peter 5:9-10

Revelation 5:6-14

5. How does an eternal perspective (as opposed to a temporal perspective) impact our answer to question 3 above?