

## Connexions Theological LEs

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### Debate: Sovereignty of God vs. Responsibility of Man

**Context:** Group & Cohort

**Focus:** Christ/Community/Competencies

Proposition 1: God is absolutely sovereign.

Proposition 2: Man is fully responsible for his choices.

Format:

SC1	Sovereignty Team – constructive	4 minutes	Lay out arguments with basic Scriptural support
RC1	Responsibility Team - constructive	4 minutes	Lay out arguments with basic Scriptural support
SC2	Sovereignty Team – constructive	4 minutes	Extensive Scriptural backup
RC2	Responsibility Team - constructive	4 minutes	Extensive Scriptural backup
RCE1	Responsibility Team – cross examination	2 minutes	
SCE1	Sovereignty Team – cross examination	2 minutes	
RCE2	Responsibility Team – cross examination	2 minutes	
SCE2	Sovereignty Team – cross examination	2 minutes	
RCE3	Responsibility Team – cross examination	2 minutes	
SCE3	Sovereignty Team – cross examination	2 minutes	
RCE4	Responsibility Team – cross examination	2 minutes	
SCE4	Sovereignty Team – cross examination	2 minutes	
SH	Sovereignty Team – harmonizer	3 minutes	
RH	Responsibility Team - harmonizer	3 minutes	

Instructions:

1. Outside of class, gather with your debate team, choose a captain, and decide which team member gets each role.
2. Each team consists of 2 constructive presenters, a panel of 6 cross examiners, and a harmonizer.
3. Assemble as much Scriptural evidence as possible.
4. Each of the cross-examiners should prepare at least one question in advance. As a team, they will get the chance to ask 4 questions, either prepared or impromptu.
5. At the start of the debate, each captain will turn in his/her lineup.
6. We will proceed according to the format with strict time limits observed.

Teams:

Responsibility: Teams 1 & 2 for Connexions projects

Sovereignty: Teams 3 & 4 for Connexions projects

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### Guidelines:

1. All assertions, questions and answers should be supported by Scripture, accurately quoted or paraphrased.
2. Questions should focus on application (from Scripture).
3. Your performance will be judged on:
  - a. Key concepts effectively presented and supported
  - b. Accurate usage of Scripture
  - c. Adequate Scriptural support
  - d. Probing questions that strike at the heart of the dilemma.