

Psalm 139: Our Intimacy with God

To know that God knows everything about me and yet loves me is indeed my ultimate consolation.

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How Big is Your God?

Omnipresent

Omniscient

Omnipotent

Verses 1-6 You Know Me

You know what I do

You know what I think

Your hand is on me

Our response

Verses 7-12 You Are With Me

From the Highest to the Lowest Place

From the farthest east to the farthest west

In the darkness

Our response

Verses 13-18 You Made Me

You personally formed me

You ordained my life

You think of me

Our response

Verses 19-24 You Test Me And Lead Me

David's loyalty to God

David's Request

Our response

Taking it to daily life

Know Him

Trust Him

Follow Him

Thank Him

Questions for Small Group discussion & personal consideration:

1. Psalm 139 says that God knows us completely, even our thoughts. Does this give you fear, comfort, or both? Why? How does His knowledge and understanding of you change our daily experience of God?

2. We see in Psalm 139 how God is always with us. In more than one scripture God promises us that He will never leave us or forsake us. Share stories of times when you saw evidence of these realities. (Peace and joy in the midst of a trial, comfort in loss, etc.)

3. We also see that God personally made us and ordained our lives. How does this affect our view of who we are? How does faith in God's personal work in creating you help you face the challenges and trials of life?

4. David also asks God to test his heart and thoughts, and then to lead him in the everlasting way. In 2 Timothy 4:6–8 Paul is finishing his life he says “The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing”.
What is the benefit of God showing us our sin? How does God lead us in the everlasting way, the path of everlasting life?

For Families:

5. Talk about how God personally knows us, is with us, and made us. Take examples of difficult or scary situations and discuss how knowing this about God helps us have peace, and then trust and obey Him.