**Psalm 139**

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**1.How much time in a given day do you spend thinking about big thoughts (who God is, and who you are, and what that means for you)?** (David thought a lot about those questions. And Psalm 139 is a wonderful reflection on those questions.)

2. **Psalm 139 emphasizes 3 aspects of all-surpassing greatness of God, three words that begin with “omni”. What are they?** (His omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence.)

**Read 139:1-6 - God knows everything about us**

**3. What person on earth knows you best? Who knows you the best in this group?**

**4.** **Psalm 139:5 “You hem me in, behind and before; you’ve laid your hand upon me.”**

**When God took Israel to the Promised, he didn’t lead them the shortest path. He took them the long way – through the Red Sea. Why did God lead them that way?** (To show His power to His people. God hemmed them in and then demonstrated His power. You’ll never know God’s miraculous power in your life until you get in a situation that you can’t solve yourself.)

**5. What difference does it make If God knows everything about us?** (if God knows everything, you can be honest with God. We can’t go on sinning and think, “God won’t know.” He knows every thought, every intention, every little white lie, every sinful action, God knows everything. Read Heb. 4:13. Live in such a way that you won’t be ashamed to report what you did with your life.)

**Read Psalm 139:7-12 - God is always with us**

**6. What did pastor Perry mean when he said: “you can never be free of God; you can be free with God, and for God, but you can’t be free of God?” Have you ever known a victim of the Hound of Heaven?** (Job, Francis Thompson, C.S. Lewis, Nicky Gumble, etc.)

**7. Is the question: “where is God?” a relevant question?** (The seeker wants to know; so does the skeptic; so does the guilty sinner so he can run the other way; and so does the hurting person who feels abandoned - “Where is God when I need Him?”)

**8. Have you ever been in a completely dark place? What did you feel at that time?**

**9. What difference does it make to believe that God is always with us?** (If God is present wherever you are, you can be confident and secure. His promise is: “Never will I leave you or forsake you.” There’s no place in the world where God isn’t with you and caring for you. When you travel somewhere, you can be confident that God is with you. You can talk with God and feel His closeness anywhere, any time.)

# Read Psalm 139:13-18 - God made you perfectly in His image

**10.** Psalm 139:13-16 emphasizes that even before we’re born, we’re being created by God in His image. He sets value on us. We’re made in the image of God and God has a special purpose for each person who is born. You’re not an accident. Even if you’re parents didn’t want you, God wanted you and God wants you. **Have you felt more acceptance or rejection in your life?**

**11. If you could change one thing about your physical appearance, what would you change? (**If God created you perfectly, you don’t have to become somebody else to be accepted. You need to be you. Your identity is rooted in Who created you – you’re His child. Be true to who you are, and figure out God’s purpose for your life. Your sense of worth is clear. He created you perfectly, He loves you, God sent His only Son to die for you.) Knowing all this, why do many believers in Jesus have a low sense of self worth?

**12. What’s something you can do that very few other people can do?**

**13. According to Psalm 139:16, can we die too early?** (No. There are no surprises to God. When we find ourselves in situations of sickness, pain, suffering, injustice, we can take comfort in the fact that there are no surprises to God.)

**14. Read Psalm 139:17. How does the truth that all knowing, ever present, all powerful God thinks about you millions of times every day impact you at a feeling level?**

**Read 139:19-22 - God knows The Problem of Evil**

**15. If God is all knowing, present everywhere and all powerful, why do the evil still exist? Why doesn’t He just vanquish them all? Why does God allow people to get cancer? Why did I lose my job? How could God allow the innocent to die, and the wicked to survive?** (There’s a theme in this psalm that must suffice, both for David and for us: **God knows**. God knows everything we think, God knows where we are, he knows all about us from the inside out, he knows the purposes for which He’s created us, and he knows the enemies that we have and the enemies that God has. And David is sure of one thing: he knows that God knows, and he wants to be on God’s side.)

**Read Psalm 139:23-24 - Invite God to Know you and Lead You**

The whole prayer could be summarized by the first and last verses: “God you know me; God, please lead me.” Draw near to the God who pursues you. Be amazed that He can know all about you and still accept you and love you. And worship Him for the greatness of His knowledge. Don’t make Him smaller to fit what’s comfortable for you; make Him bigger by magnifying Him in worship.

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