

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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Text: Psalm 139

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It is believed that King David penned Psalm 139 when he was made king over all Israel. In this psalm, David is celebrating his true identity in the Creator. In the simplest sense, David is saying to God, "You know me. You are with me. You made me. Make me like you."

1. In the beginning of Psalm 139, David writes, "O LORD, you have searched me and known me!" How well does God know us? Why is that good news? Reference Matthew 10:29-31. Do you have any fears associated with God knowing you this deeply? What relieves those fears?
2. Read Psalm 13 and Psalm 3. In both cases, David was being hunted by his own family members. What do you find remarkable and encouraging about David's writing here? How does David point to Jesus and how does Jesus fulfill these Psalms? Read John 10:27-30.
3. David poetically describes how God knit him (and by extension us) together. Read Deuteronomy 12:29-31, Jeremiah 7:30-34, and Genesis 1:26-28. Why does God defend human life so vigilantly? Why must we? How can we speak the truth in love on this topic?
4. David ends Psalm 139 by asking God for sanctification with a heart of repentance. Read 2 Chronicles 33:1-13. Why did God have mercy on King Manasseh? How does David's plea at the end of Psalm 139 point us to the Gospel?

Reflection: Where do you find your true identity? Is it in your job, friends, hobbies, or even family? Those can all be good things, but are we making them ultimate things? Let's ask Jesus to help us find our true identity in Him.

Scripture references: Genesis 1:26-28, Deuteronomy 12:29-31, Joshua 24:5, 2 Samuel 6, 2 Samuel 12, 2 Kings 17:7-21, 1 Chronicles 20, Psalm 3, Psalm 13, Psalm 33:6, Isaiah 55: 8-9, Jeremiah 7:30-34, Matthew 10:29-31, John 10:14, John 10: 27-30, Ephesians 6:12, Colossians 3:3, Hebrews 1:3