SOUNDTRACK: Encountering Jesus in the Songs of Scripture

Week 5: Psalm 139

Introduction: It has been said regarding human relationships that "You are the closest to the people who are most interested in you." If that statement is true, our souls are longing to draw close to God because no one in the universe is as directly interested in humanity in general or you, on a personal note, as the God of the Bible.

Psalm 139 focuses on a person's relationship with God. This relationship is based on God's action and intention. From God's profoundly intimate knowledge of you to His ever faithful presence with you, this song invites our response—trusting God to shape us more and more into the image of Christ.

The Big Picture: Understanding God's intimate knowledge of me and God's presence deeply with me, I am moved by both fascination of this relationship and fear of His perfection to trust God completely.

Discussion:

Share:

• If you were to appear on Jeopardy, what category would best help you become a Jeopardy champion? In other words, what is the one thing you know best?

Discuss:

Sermon Review:

- Write down any questions or thoughts that stand out to you as you review the sermon together. Discuss them as a group.
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- Who knows you best—your embarrassing moments, your dark secrets, your hopes and dreams?
- Does a person knowing you deeply make you more afraid or more confident?
- Why do you think people struggle to be deeply known?
- Of the two essential elements of relationship with God, which makes you most nervous—God knowing EVERYTHING about you or God's presence being INESCAPABLE? Why do you think this?
- How do you respond to this deep relationship with God—more fear or more fascination?

Unsettled or Uncertain:

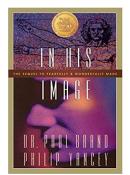
What questions, concerns or doubts to do you still have as this discussion wraps up?

Now That You Know:

Are you willing to be fearfully and wonderfully known by God? How does this Psalm encourage you to live more into Jesus?

What do you sense God is wanting you to do in light of what you have learned?

Further Exploration on this Topic:



In His Image by Philip Yancey and Paul Brand

From the Publisher: THE VOICE OF GOD IS A HEARTBEAT AWAY In Fearfully & Wonderfully Made, Philip Yancey and Dr. Paul Brand revealed how God's voice is encoded in the very structure of our bodies. In His Image takes up where its predecessor left off, beckoning us once again inward and onward to fresh exploration and discovery. Yancey and Brand show how accurately and intricately the human body portrays the Body of Christ. In five sections—Image, Blood, Head, Spirit, and Pain—the acclaimed surgeon and the award-winning writer unlock the

remarkable, living lessons contained in our physical makeup. This Gold Medallion Award-winning book will open your eyes to the complex miracle of the human body, and the even more compelling spiritual truths that it reflects.

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