



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“PSALM 137” ON AUGUST 4-7, 2022

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed affect your week?

DISCOVER: PSALM 139

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or what impacted you/did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

PSALM 139: A psalm of David praising God for His presence in his life. In this psalm David gives a beautiful description of the One who created us and knows us intimately! David acknowledged the presence and sovereignty of God over every part of his life, yet we know from Scripture that David at times had tried to hide from God.....just as Adam and Eve did in the Garden of Eden, and just as we often do in our own lives. Are you hiding? What if.....?

PSALM 139:1-12 What if we lived every moment realizing that God knows our every thought before we even think it? What if we walked in full awareness that God is all-knowing, ever-present, all-powerful, and WITH us, LOVING and LEADING us, no matter what?

- David describes in verse 6 his inability to grasp the fullness of who God is! How do you respond to the first 6 verses of this psalm, and how do they shape your perspective for your faith journey?
- Even those closest to us may misunderstand our words and actions at times, but our all-knowing, ever-present God understands our meaning, our purpose perfectly all the time, holding us fast! How does that encourage, convict, or challenge you?
- Can you describe times or circumstances in your life where you hid from God or ignored what you knew about Him and followed your own way? Are there areas of your life in which you are still trying to hide from Him? What if....?

PSALM 139:13-16 What if each of us lived each day with the awareness of how fearfully and wonderfully we have been made by our Creator as described by David?

- What does being ‘fearfully and wonderfully made’ mean to you.... 1) on an emotional level?.....2) on a physical level?.....3) on a spiritual level?
- When you are feeling inadequate or alone, wishing you were someone you’re not or wishing you had a gift someone else has, how do you respond to verses 13-16 in this psalm? Do they give you hope and perspective?
- What is your response to knowing every part of you was created by God – created PERFECTLY to LIVE OUT what He has called you to do? How does that challenge you and encourage you?
- What if.....?

PSALM 139:23-24 What if we prayed these words each and every day: “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

- How willing are you to sincerely pray these words of King David again and again? To seek Him in ALL you do?
- Who or what is leading you, calling your name, commanding your focus and your time? What if.....?
- How ready are you to respond to God’s leading, even if it requires difficult decisions and changes in your perspective or in your life?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.