

Search Me! Pastor Kevin **February 12, 2023**

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139

¹O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ² You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. ³ You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. ⁴ You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. ⁵ You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!"

Opening Discussion

 What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

<u>Thought #1</u> – God knows everything completely — even me. (omniscient)

Verses: 1-6

• What does it mean to you to be fully known by God?

Thought #2 – God is always present. (omnipresent)

<u>Verses:</u> **Psalm 139:7-12** I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from

your presence! ⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. ⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. ¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—¹²but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

- When are you most aware of God's presence?
- When do you most need to know He is present?

<u>Thought #3</u> – God is all-powerful (omnipotent) - able to do all things ... and *He created me*.

Verses: **Psalm 139:13-18** You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. 15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. ¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! 18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

- Pastor Kevin said, "God created with intention and detail. We are not talking about the assembly line kind of production. We are talking about custom, creative work that speaks to the artist's heart to imagine and power to get it done."
 - 1. How do you feel about how He created you?
 - 2. How do you think God feels about His work in you?

Thought #4 – God can handle our honest responses. Verses: Psalm 139:20-22 ²⁰ They blaspheme you; your enemies misuse your name. ²¹ O Lord, shouldn't I hate those who hate you? Shouldn't I despise those who oppose you? ²² Yes, I hate them with total hatred, for your enemies are my enemies. • Do you feel safe in expressing your unfiltered emotion to God? Thought #5 - David's Declaration and Invitation. Verses: **Psalm 139:1** O, Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and Know my heart; Do we really believe He knows everything about us? • What keeps us from inviting Him to examine our hearts? How might we benefit/grow/learn from knowing how He sees us? • How might we know Him better by His examination of us? **Closing Discussion** Ask each group member how the group can be praying for them this week. Close in prayer.

Questions for Pastor Todd Keller or Julie Burch

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How can we pray for each other this

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regarding your REMIX group?

the week. Thank you.

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