

DG Guide: Attributes of God #2 - Omni (All-Powerful, All-Knowing, All-Present)

Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to search your hearts and reveal Himself more fully to your DG during this time together.

Read Psalm 139 together

Icebreaker

Share about a time when you felt God's presence in an unexpected place or situation. What made that moment memorable?

Key Takeaways

1. God Knows Everything (Omniscience)

- God fully knows Himself and all things actual and possible
- He knows every detail of our lives—our thoughts, words, and actions
- His knowledge is not surveillance but loving watchfulness
- He knows our future and has prepared our days

2. God Is Always Present (Omnipresence)

- God is present at every point with His whole being
- We can live in the conscious presence of Jesus daily
- God cannot be contained in buildings or limited to certain places
- He is both transcendent (beyond us) and immanent (near us)

3. God Is All-Powerful (Omnipotence)

- God is able to do all His holy will
- Nothing is too difficult for Him
- He works in us both to will and to work according to His purpose
- His power never contradicts His character of love, goodness, and holiness

Discussion Questions

Understanding the Sermon

1. **The Distortion Danger:** The pastor warned about how Satan distorts truth rather than denying it outright (like in the Garden of Eden). What are some common distortions about God's character you've encountered or struggled with?
2. **God's Knowledge:** Consider Psalm 139:1-6. How does knowing that "God fully knows you" make you feel? Does it bring comfort or concern? Why?
3. **Beyond Surveillance:** On Sunday, Harald contrasted God's knowledge with "24-hour surveillance." How is God's knowing different from being watched by a security camera? What difference should this make in how we live?

Going Deeper

4. **The Lifeguard Analogy:** Discuss the image of God as a lifeguard watching over us rather than a judge condemning us. How does this change your perspective on God's watchfulness in your daily life?
5. **Conscious Presence:** The missionary's practice of "The Game of the Minutes" involved staying conscious of God's presence throughout the day. What prevents you from living in this conscious awareness? What might help you grow in this area?
6. **God's Presence vs. Our Presence:** The sermon noted that God's presence is never neutral—He is always working. How have you seen God working in situations where you initially didn't recognize His presence?
7. **The Great Commission Promise:** Jesus sent the disciples with no resources except His promise: "I will be with you always" (Matthew 28:20). When have you had to rely solely on God's presence rather than your own resources?

Personal Application

8. **Nothing Too Difficult:** Read Jeremiah 32:17. What situation in your life right now seems too difficult or impossible? How does God's omnipotence speak to that situation?
9. **Working Out Salvation:** Discuss Philippians 2:12-13. How do we balance "working out our salvation" with trusting that "it is God who works in us"? What does this look like practically?
10. **The Prayer of Psalm 139:** The psalm ends with "Search me, O God, and know my heart." Why might we be hesitant to pray this prayer? What would it mean to pray this genuinely this week?

Practical Applications

This Week:

Personal Disciplines:

- Pause through the day and acknowledge God's presence with you in that moment. Talk to Him about what you're doing.
- Memorise Psalm 139:23-24: Write these verses on a card and commit them to memory. Pray them each morning.

- Journal Prompt: Complete this sentence each day: "Today I saw God's power at work when..."

Group Challenge:

- Share one specific area where you need to trust God's knowledge, presence, or power this week. Commit to praying for one another daily about these specific needs.

Reflection Exercise:

- Review your week and identify one moment when you doubted God's care, presence, or ability. How would viewing that situation through the lens of Psalm 139 change your perspective?

For Ongoing Growth:

1. Create a "God Knows" list: Write down concerns where you need to trust that God knows the outcome even when you don't.
2. Practice the presence of God: Before entering different spaces this week (workplace, home, difficult conversations), pause and acknowledge that The Holy Spirit is already there and already working.
3. Study God's power in Scripture: Read through one of the Gospels and note every instance where Jesus demonstrates His power. How does this build your faith?

Closing Reflection

Read Together: Psalm 139:17-18 *"God, how precious your thoughts are to me; how vast their sum is! If I counted them, they would outnumber the grains of sand; when I wake up, I am still with you."*

Discuss: What would change in your life this week if you truly believed that God thinks about you more times than there are grains of sand on every beach in the world?

Closing Prayer

Pray Psalm 139:23-24 together as a group:

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way."

Then pray for specific needs shared during your discussion time, thanking God for His knowledge, presence, and power in each situation.

For Next Week

Read Psalm 145 in preparation for your next gathering, noting what it reveals about God's character and His relationship with His people.

Or, if you just want a bunch of discussion prompts:

1. How does the devil's strategy of distorting truth rather than outright denial make false beliefs more dangerous, and where do you see this happening in your own spiritual life?
2. What does it mean that God came for us when we had nothing to offer, and how does this contrast with the transactional relationships we often experience in the world?
3. When the disciples asked Jesus 'don't you care?' during the storm, they were questioning the one who cared most. What storms in your life have caused you to question God's care, and how did your faith respond?
4. The psalmist says God's thoughts toward us outnumber the grains of sand on every beach. How does this reality challenge or reshape your understanding of your personal value to God?
5. If God fully knowing you is meant to be comforting rather than condemning, why do we often feel anxious about God seeing everything about us?
6. What would change in your daily life if you truly lived in the conscious presence of Jesus, talking with Him about everything throughout the day?
7. How have you mistaken God's presence for certain feelings or locations, and what would it look like to worship Him in spirit and truth regardless of circumstances?
8. The sermon mentions that Jesus was already working in the prison before the ministry team arrived. Where might Jesus already be working in situations you're facing this week?
9. How do you reconcile the tension between working out your salvation with fear and trembling while trusting that it is God who works in you both to will and to act?
10. The prayer asks God to search us and lead us in the everlasting way. What offensive or idolatrous ways might God be revealing to you that need to be surrendered?