TALK IT OVER

God Is...

All-knowing (Omniscient) Mark Hardacre July 21, 2024

Icebreaker: What's one thing you wish you knew right now...but don't?

Isaiah 55:9 (NLT) For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Today's Big Idea: God knows our past, sees our present, and holds our future.

God...

✓ Knows our past

Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT) "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb."

Hebrews 4:13 (NLT) Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Naked: gumnos = uncovered, exposed

Exposed: *trachélizó* = to expose the throat

✓ Sees our present

Psalm 139:1-6 (NLT) O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

Mark 6:47-48 (NLT) Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.

Mark 6:50-51 (NLT) They were all terrified when they saw him. But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage! I am here!" Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed.

✓ Holds our future

Isaiah 46:9b-10 (NLT) I am God, and there is none like me. Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

Questions for an All-Knowing God 1. What do I need to know about myself

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

2. Can I entrust my future to you?

Proverbs 14:12 (NLT) There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NLT) Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

Action Items:

- 1. What does God know about me that I need to address?
- 2. What area of my life do I need to seek God's direction?

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does it mean for God to be all-knowing? How does this attribute of God differ from human knowledge?
- 2. Which Bible passages most clearly illustrate God's ability to know everything? How do these passages enhance our understanding of His nature?
- 3. How does knowing that God is all-knowing affect your daily life and decision-making? Can you share a personal experience where this attribute of God provided comfort or guidance?
- 4. How does God being all-knowing influence your relationship with Him? Does it bring you closer, make you feel more secure, or create other feelings?
- 5. In what ways does trusting in God's all-knowing nature challenge or strengthen your faith? How do you reconcile this trust with moments of doubt or uncertainty?
- 6. How should the belief in God's omniscience shape our behavior and ethical choices? How can we live in a way that acknowledges and respects God's complete knowledge of our actions and thoughts?