

Psalms In The Summer
Psalm 139: *Overwhelmed By God... In A Good Way!*
Study questions for the week of August 30-September 4, 2026

Getting Started

Where do people go today if they're looking for an "expert" or an answer to a difficult question? Why do they choose these avenues in general? How good are the results?

Read through Psalm 139 together as a group.

Digging Deep

1. If you chose a 2 or 3 word title for this Psalm, what would it be?
2. How does David feel about God's total knowledge of him (in vs 6 or 17)? Does he see God's knowledge as a good thing or a bad thing?
3. Why does David digress into thoughts about escaping from God's knowledge (7-12)? Do you think his answer is a source of encouragement or despair for him?
4. Where do vss 19-22 come from? Why is there this seemingly odd interlude about the destruction of the wicked in the midst of this wisdom Psalm?
5. In vss 13-16, David wonders about the creation of a person? Do you think this is seen as a more or less wonderful process today?
6. Why does David request God to search him in vs 23 if he's already done it in vs 1?
7. Is there any human relationship where the other person's position (or yours) resembles that of God in this Psalm? What makes this relationship work well or poorly?
8. If God is so present and knowledgeable, why do people find it difficult to believe in Him? What do you think the average person's first reaction to this Psalm would be?
9. If all you knew of God was contained in this Psalm, would you find this an encouraging message or one that is depressing? Why?