

## I AM WHO I AM - All-Knowing/All-Present

Ice- Breaker: if you could be everywhere at once and/or know all things, where would you want to be and what would you want to know?

**God is all-knowing...**

*O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.*

**(Psalm 139:1-4)**

What feelings arise when we read Psalm 139:1-4, knowing that God knows everything?

**This truth should cause...**

- **Accountability and caution** – “My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.” **(Jer. 16:17)**
- **Security and encouragement** – “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.” **(Matt. 6:31-32)**

*This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in His presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything.* **(1 John 3:19-20)**

In self-reflection, what area of your private life doesn't line up with your public life? How open are you to personal accountability? Who could possibly fill that role in your life?

**God is all-present...**

*You hem me in – behind and before... Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.* **(Psalm 139:5a, 7-10)**

**This truth should cause...**

- **Comfort and courage** – “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” **(Psalm 23:4)**
- **Prayer and dependence** – “Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.” **(Mark 13:11)**

What do you fear most? At what times in your life does God feel the most absent? In those times are you apt to pray and depend on God or do you work through your fears all by yourself?

**Therefore...**

- **Examine and confess** – “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me...” **(Psalm 139:23-24a)** What would it take for you to pray the way David does? What hinders this type of prayer in your life?
- **Surrender and follow** – “...and lead me in the way everlasting.” **(Psalm 139:24b)** What area(s) do you lead that you refuse to let God lead? Why? What would it take to even surrender and follow God in that area?

As a group, pray with the last two bullets in mind.