God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Give God Permission to Correct You

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Highlighted Scripture

- **Psalm 139:23–24**

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

Shane uses David's prayer as the foundation for a difficult but important question: when we pray about conflict or disagreement, are we only asking God to change the other person—or are we willing to ask Him to reveal what needs to change in us?

Discussion Questions

- **Why is it often easier to pray for God to change someone else's heart than to ask Him to examine our own?**

- **What are some "blind spots" we can have in our attitudes, judgments, or relationships?**

• Shane says we can know Scripture, have strong convictions, genuinely want to follow Jesus, and still be wrong about something. Why is remembering that important?

• What's the difference between asking God to confirm what we already believe and genuinely asking Him to lead us to truth?

• How can admitting that we were wrong actually demonstrate spiritual maturity rather than weakness?

Reflection Challenge

Practice praying with a willingness to be corrected.

Ask yourself:

• Am I asking God for truth, or am I mostly asking Him to confirm what I already believe?

• Is pride making it difficult for me to consider that I could be wrong?

• Is there someone I've judged unfairly or a situation I may have misunderstood?

• If God shows me that I was wrong, am I willing to change, apologize, or make things right?

Try this:

• Pray Psalm 139:23–24 personally: "God, search me. Show me what I may not be seeing."

• The next time you find yourself praying for God to change someone else, also ask Him what He may want to change in

you.

• If you realize you've handled something poorly, don't defend it. Take one step toward making it right.

• In a disagreement this week, spend more time seeking God's truth than trying to prove your position.

Remember

• Strong convictions do not make us incapable of being wrong.

• God can use correction as part of our spiritual growth.

• Humility leaves room for God to reveal our blind spots.

• Following truth sometimes requires changing our minds.

• Being right isn't the goal. Following God is.

Prayer

Father God,

Search me and know my heart. Show me the things in myself that I may not be able—or willing—to see. When pride gets in the way, humble me. When I have misunderstood someone, help me recognize it. When I've convinced myself that what I want must also be what You want, lead me back to Your truth.

I don't want to come to You simply looking for confirmation that I'm right. I want You to lead me, even when Your correction is uncomfortable. Give me the humility to listen, the courage to admit when I'm wrong, and the willingness to change when You show me something that needs to change.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.