

December 10th – Search Me & Lead Me

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Psalm 139:23-24)*

Today’s passage takes us to Psalm 139 – a psalm of David praising God for His omniscience and omnipresence. After standing in awe of God throughout the psalm, David asks God to do several things for him at the conclusion. First, he says *search me*. In other words, “God please analyze my life as only you can!” That sounds like something a little intimidating doesn’t it? When was the last time you asked God to search through the secrets of your life? FYI – He already knows our secrets anyway!

Next, David asks God to *know me* - to “know my heart” and to “know my anxieties.” God knows every fiber of your being. David is simply asking God to understand all his frailties. It’s good to know we serve a God that knows everything we struggle with, and yet He loves us anyway! David also asks to the Lord to *try me*. In this context, to “try” something is to prove it’s integrity. David is essentially asking God to prove his character – whether or not he is really a man of God.

David then asks the Lord to *see me* – “see if there is any wicked way in me.” In other words, he was asking God to point out any inclinations toward sin – any areas where a root of wickedness could be rising up. If we ask God to point out our impurities, He certainly will! And finally, David asks the Lord to *lead me* – “lead me in the way everlasting.” This is an earnest prayer to be led by God rather than the influence of the world. May we also ask God to search us and lead us as well!