

Discussion Questions
Psalm 139 – “A Dangerous Prayer”

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 - (v. 17) In awe of our great Gods ability to think personal thoughts about us all the time
 - (v. 18-22) Defensive for Gods sake towards those who are living overtly sinful lives
 - (v. 23-24) Asking the Lord to “search me” for his own pocket of rebellion and reveal any wayward behaviors

- Supplemental Verse Support from Pastor Bill
 - Search Me (Psalm 139:23-24)
 - Break Me (Ecclesiastes 3:3b)
 - Stretch Me (Acts 4:24, 29)
 - Lead Me (Romans 8:14)
 - Use Me (2 Chronicles 16:9)

Main Idea: Inviting the Lord to truly search our hearts and know us means we are open to him breaking any patterns in us that lead us to sin.

THINGS TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP

- Royal Family Kids Camp – Seeking 20 Prayer Partners (**Deadline is Oct. 6th**)

Discussion Questions

Feel free to choose what questions will be most helpful to your group to grow in their understanding of the Scripture, learn how to better read the Bible for themselves, and faithfully apply it to their lives.

Pray and Read Psalm 139.

1. "Search Me"
 - a. You are created and known by God. What do you think it looks like for the Lord to search your heart and truly know you?
 - b. Taking v.23-24 into account, have you ever prayed a bold prayer and asked the Lord to search your heart? What "grievous way" might you ask the Lord to reveal to you in your current season?

2. "Break Me"
 - a. What does your interaction with the Lord typically look like when you are in the midst of a difficult time?
 - b. How is this instructive, helpful, and/or challenging for you personally?
 - c. Think about something you are struggling with (e.g. control, pride, fear, pleasure, greed, etc.) Is there a pattern or reoccurrence to it? What might asking the Lord for help in overcoming and breaking this pattern look like?

3. "Lead Me"
 - a. It should shock us that we can know God—a being who is so far above us—and we can know him personally, and actually know His name. Clearly this should be a big deal, but for many of us we seem to take it granted. Why do you think that is?
 - b. Where do you need to be stretched? Where are you stuck?
 - c. What might it look like to take all the resources the Lord has given you and asking God to lead you in best utilizing them?

4. "Use Me"
 - a. Have you ever felt the Lord prompting you to do something? What did it feel/look like? Or if not, what might it look like?
 - b. Do you find yourself running and hiding from the Lord's promptings? Is your natural response less or other than you

believe it should be? What keeps us from responding like we should to what is going on in the world around us?

- c. What has God been using to grow you? Taking 2 Chronicles 16:9 into account, how can you make yourself available for the Lord to use you?
- d. What have you found that God uses in your life to be the most effective means of increasing your personal knowledge of God