

Lesson 2
Psalm 139

Read all of Psalm 139

1. How would you summarize the overall theme of this Psalm?

Re-read Verses 1-6

2. Write down phrases which stand out to you. What attributes of God are revealed in these verses?

3. Is it comforting or unsettling to you that God knows you so thoroughly? How and/or when have you been aware of feeling known by God?

Re-read verses 7-12

4. What rhetorical questions are asked in verse 7?

5. List the places you see in verses 8-12 that the Psalmist says of God; "You are there."
(Reading multiple translations may help with discerning the meaning of poetic descriptions.)

6. a. We don't try to hide in physical places, but when and/or how do you try to flee from God's Presence?

b. What do these verses say about our ability to hide from God?

Re-read verses 13-16

7. a. How do these verses describe God's involvement in the development of a child within his mother's womb?

b. How should these truths impact your sense of self-worth and also your attitude toward others, perhaps especially those who are different from you?

Re-read verses 17-24

8. What emotions are expressed in verse 17-18?

9. What emotion is expressed in verses 19-22? Look carefully at verses 20-21. What is the motivation behind the Psalmist's emotion?

10. What does the Psalmist invite God to do in verses 23-24?