



# SERMON

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Psalm 139 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) When it comes to your perception of your value and self-worth, what "voices" tend to carry the most weight in your mind?
- 5) Are there aspects of your personhood where you're tempted to doubt the way God has wired or designed you? What does that struggle look like for you? Of those aspects that you struggle with, how have you seen the Lord use them to glorify Himself or draw you closer to Him?
- 6) Read Psalm 139:14. Like David, do you know that you are fearfully (i.e., gloriously, astonishingly, awe-inspiringly) and wonderfully (i.e., distinctive, set apart) made? How would your life and relationships be different if you knew, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the holy God made people – including you – as a reflection of His glory?
- 7) Read Psalm 138:6-8. How might the fact that the all-seeing God of heaven and earth sees and knows everything about you affect your thoughts and actions? How might this truth impact your daily pursuit of and approach to Him?
- 8) Are there ways that you currently feel crushed by darkness (e.g., the loss of a job or loved one, loss of health, feelings of anxiety and worry)? What truths from this week's message might encourage you in those feelings? How can your group members support you as you aim to fix your eyes on the hope that God alone provides?
- 9) Do you wrestle with the fear that God might crush or reject you because of your past or present sin? What causes that fear within you? Read Isaiah 1:18, Micah 7:18-19, 2 Corinthians 5:17, James 4:6. How might that struggle look differently if you truly believed that God, seeing ALL of your sin, offers you forgiveness and delights in you because of Christ?
- 10) Read Psalm 32. What tends to happen when we allow sin to go unconfessed in our life? What do we experience or miss out on when we don't confess our sins to God?

- 11) One mark of a true Christian is confession of sin. Is confession of sin a mark of your daily walk with the Lord? Read 1 John 1:9. What are some ways you might grow in the discipline of confession? What might you receive from the Lord as a result?
- 12) Consider Psalm 139:9-10 along with Genesis 3:21, Numbers 6:24-26, and Psalm 80:3, 7, and 19. What do you think gave the psalmist David the confidence to pray as he did in Psalm 139:23-24? What might happen if you took God at His word and dared to come out of hiding before Him? What 'hidden' area in your life and heart might you fully lay bare before Him this week?
- 13) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.

*\* These questions taken or adapted from McLean Bible Church, [https://mcleanbible.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Psalm-139\\_DiscussionGuide\\_May-24.pdf](https://mcleanbible.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Psalm-139_DiscussionGuide_May-24.pdf)*