



DIGGING IN

How would you describe David's relationship with God?
 Was it: close? distant? open? fearful? comfortable? formal?

TAKING IT INWARD

<p>Part 1 Psalm 139:1-6</p>	<p>Part 2 Psalm 139:7-12</p>
<p>Part 3 Psalm 139:13-18</p>	<p>Part 4 Psalm 139:19-22</p>

- How would you sum up what you have learned about God? Is this scary? Comforting? Why?
- Which of these four quadrants speaks to you the most? Why?
- Share about a time when God seemed more near to you than other times.
- Share about a time when God felt distant.
- Based on this psalm, where was God when He felt distant?
- If God is truly all around you, why do you think you don't experience Him as near to you as often as you'd like?
- Do you think we live in a culture of students seeking faith or feeling?
- Why is it so much easier to seek feeling?
- David was upset and he let it go in front of God. Do you think that's okay?
- Have you ever let it go in front of God?

God, if you really knew me...

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE



Psalm 139
For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

- ¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
 - ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
 - ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
 - ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.
 - ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
 - ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
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- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
 - ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
 - ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
 - ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
 - ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
 - ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
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- ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 - ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
 - ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
 - ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
 - ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!
 - ¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.
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- ¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!
- ²⁰ They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.
- ²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?
- ²² I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.
- ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.