

PSALMS SERMON SERIES



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KNOW GOD

Read Psalm 139. What qualities of God does the Psalmist describe?

How do God's knowledge (1-6), presence (7-12) and creative qualities (vv.13-16) inter-relate to one another?

As you consider God as described in this Psalm, what response does it evoke in you? Is this frightening, comforting, both?

KNOW SELF

According to Psalm, what specific things does God know about us? How is God's knowledge of us wonderful (v.6)? Why might this also cause the psalmist to feel an urge to flee God's presence (vv.7-12)?

Look again at vv.13-16. What words are used to describe God's active involvement in your creation? How does this affect the Psalmist?

Do you ever want to hide your true self from God? How can this Psalm help you feel more valued and loved?

The Psalm ends with the Psalmist giving God an open invitation to examine his life (vv.23-24). Do you have this kind of relationship with God? If not, why not?

KNOW OTHERS

In vv. 19-22 the Psalmist speaks out against wickedness and those who hate God. What do you think causes him to do this? Is it appropriate to look at others in this way?

How should this Psalm impact the way we see all humanity? How do we distinguish between mankind's dignity and our depravity?

How can this psalm change the way you pray for others (family, friends, neighbors, co-workers)?