

Life Group Discussion Guide

1.17.21

Magnify Series

Disrobe

Psalm 139

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.*

OPEN

What person on this planet knows you better than anyone? Why do they know you so well?

NEXT

Read Psalm 139:1-12 together. Is this good news or bad news? How might a person read this as bad news? How might they read it as good news?

Do verses 1-6 mean, *"You're never going to get away with anything because God sees?"* Or do those verses mean, *"God pays attention to you, He cares too much about you to ignore you?"* What makes the difference in the way a person reads these verses?

Do verses 7-12 mean, *"You can't hide from God. He's going to track you down and punish you?"* Or do those verses mean, *"You can't hide from God. He's never going to give up on you and you can never run far enough away that he will leave you?"* What would make someone read it one way or the other?

What shapes the way that a person understands the nature and character of God? How might verses 15-18 have the potential to shape the way a person understands what God is like and how God relates to them?

What do you do with verses 19-22? Why are they part of this psalm? What should they teach us about ourselves? What should they teach us about God?

In verse 1 there is the admission that God has searched the songwriter. In verse 23 the songwriter invites God to search them. What is the difference?

How might that change relate to verses 19-22? How might that change relate to the rest of the psalm?

CLOSING

Which way are you most inclined to read verses 1-12? What has shaped the way that you understand and relate to God?

What do you need this group to be praying over you this next week?