

**DISCUSSION 1**

Examine Psalm 139 as a whole, paying special attention to what it reveals about this week’s topic: the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent attributes of God.

1. Define omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.
2. This text seems to break neatly across these attributes. Which verses do you think apply to each? Why?
3. David paints a picture of a big and majestic God who relates to these three attributes. How do these attributes shape our view of God? How does this view affect our daily lives?

**DISCUSSION 2**

Read vv. 1- 6. God knows everything that has been, is, could be, and will be. This is God’s omniscience.

1. How does this text display God’s omniscience?
2. What do you find encouraging about God’s omniscience? What could scare you? Why?
3. How could a better understanding of God help us in our walk with God (Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6)?
4. Why does David say that this “knowledge is too wonderful” for him? How is this response different than perhaps some would respond in our culture?

**DISCUSSION 3**

Read vv. 7- 12. God’s omnipresence means that there is not anywhere that God is not present.

1. In these verses, David claims that God’s presence is not only in heaven, but also in Sheol. Are there places where God is absent? Why or why not? Which attribute of God does David seem to be emphasizing?
2. If God is present everywhere in some capacity, what does this mean eternally for believers? What does it mean eternally for unbelievers?

3. What does v. 10 tell us about God and His ability to shepherd and care for His people?
4. How do vv. 10-12 show us that God is not bound by any opposing force? How might these verses be an encouragement in times of suffering?

## **DISCUSSION 4**

Read vv. 13-24. God's ability to accomplish anything He wills is His omnipotence.

1. Consider verses 13, 16, and 19. What attribute (or attributes) does David seem to be affirming of God in these verses? When David asks God to "slay the wicked," what does he imply about God's power?
2. How does v. 13 impact our present culture?
3. In vv. 23-24, what is the relation between God revealing our sin to us, and our ability to pursue godly living?

## **FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP**

1. Is there anywhere that God is not present? Is there anything God does not know? Is there anything God cannot do?
2. How can the fact that God is present everywhere encourage us when we are frightened or suffering?
3. If God knows everything about us, does that help us obey Him? Why or why not?
4. How does God's creation of babies show His power? When does a baby become a person? Why?

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Spend time praying into these attributes of God. Thank and praise Him for His omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.
- Pray David's prayer over your own life. Confess your sin and walk in holiness (Psalm 139:23-24).