

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

MY GREATEST THOUGHTS ARE THOUGHTS ON GOD

PSALM 139

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TAKEAWAYS

Write out your one-sentence takeaways. Consider writing these on a notecard and putting it on your mirror, desk, or car dashboard.

What to remember:

What to put off/put on:

What to share with someone:

NEXT STEPS

Here are some possible next steps to walk in this truth this week.

- Memorize Psalm 139:23-24 this week.
- Start reading through the Psalms and make note of the verses where God reveals His character and divine attributes.
- Pray the Lord would reveal any hidden sin this week, so that you might turn from it and walk in the Way everlasting.
- Attend and invite a friend, neighbor or family member to THINK|15, to learn more about our glorious Creator.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

For those wanting to study some of the key ideas in more detail here are some cross-references and resources.

- For further study on God's attributes take a look at J.I Packer's book *Knowing God*, A.W. Pink's *The Attributes of God*, or A.W. Tozer's *Knowledge of the Holy*.
- For a life-changing perspective on God's holiness, read R.C. Sproul's classic, *The Holiness of God*.
- **God's Attributes:** Exodus 34:6-7, 1 Sam. 2:3, Isaiah 55:8-9, Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 19, Ps. 33:6-9, Matt. 28:18-20, 1 John 4:16, Romans 11:33-36, Heb. 4:12-13,
- **Joy in Knowing God:** Ps. 16:11, Ps. 34:7, Is. 40:21-31, Jer. 9:23-24, Prov. 9:10, Neh. 8:8-10, John 10:10, John 15:5-11, Romans 8:28-38, 1 Cor. 3:18-23.

APPLICATION & DISCUSSION

These questions focus on the sermon text and message. We've highlighted key ones but use however many your group needs.

1. When you hear that God searches and knows you fully, what kind of thoughts and emotions come to your mind? Is this comforting or worrisome? Discuss your answer.
2. **In Psalm 139-1-12, we see that God is omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipresent (all-present). How should this knowledge of God shape the way we live? How could it shape the way you deal with trials and suffering?**
3. In vV. 13-18 we see God as the master "knitter." What does this tell us about his character? What does it say about human life? Knowing that God personally created you, how should that truth shape your identity?
4. **Discuss the different ways the world, our flesh and the devil try to undermine God's purpose for His most precious creation. What are the lies that cause us doubt God's care and our value to God? What does it mean to be an image bearer of God?**
5. How do you personally fight against the lies of this world when we are tempted to despair? How can we as a small group remind each other of our identity in Christ? What practical actions would foster community that sees all life as precious? (Do you love the things God loves and hate the things God hates?)

HOW TO PRAY

Pray over the praises and requests of those around you but here are some additional ways to pray into our passage this week.

- Praise God for who He is and that He not like us, but yet He still loves and cares for us.
- Pray that you would know God more fully as you read His word.
- Pray the Lord would reveal your sin, and that you might turn from it, and walk in the Way that is everlasting.
- Pray for the mothers in our church and abroad who have been scarred by abortion or contemplating it. Pray they would know the love of God, the forgiveness in Christ, and see that all life is a gift.
- Pray by singing a hymn such as: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Behold Our God, or Before the Throne.*