

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of September 24, 2017

Psalm 139:1-18

These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.

Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
- ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

Common English Bible (CEB)

LORD, you have examined me.
You know me.
² You know when I sit down and when I stand up.
Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
³ You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
⁴ There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD,
that you don't already know completely.
⁵ You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.
⁶ That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't fathom it.
⁷ Where could I go to get away from your spirit?
Where could I go to escape your presence?
⁸ If I went up to heaven, you would be there.
If I went down to the grave, you would be there too!
⁹ If I could fly on the wings of dawn,
stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—
¹⁰ even there your hand would guide me;
even there your strong hand would hold me tight!
¹¹ If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me;
the light will become night around me,"
¹² even then the darkness isn't too dark for you!
Nighttime would shine bright as day,
because darkness is the same as light to you!
¹³ You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

