

## OUR UNCHANGING GOD IN AN EVER CHANGING CULTURE



### Let's Get Personal (How Does God's Omniscience Affect our Lives?)

"When God is our Holy Father, sovereignty, holiness, omniscience, and immutability do not terrify us; they leave us full of awe and gratitude. Sovereignty is only tyrannical if it is unbounded by goodness; holiness is only terrifying if it is untempered by grace; omniscience is only taunting if it is unaccompanied by mercy; and immutability is only torturous if there is no guarantee of goodwill." - Ravi Zacharias

#### Let's Get Personal (Psalm 139):1-6

- 1. Unique Intimacy (1)**
- 2. Unique Awareness (2)**
- 3. Unique Compassion (3a)**
- 4. Unique Perspective (3b)**
- 5. Unique Insight (4)**
- 6. Unique Care (5)**
- 7. Result: Praise (6)**

*O Lord, you have searched me and known me!*

*<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.*

*<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

*<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.*

*<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.*

*<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it. Psalm 139:1-6*

#### Discussion Questions:

- How well does God know you? Read Psalm 139:1 and Hebrews 4:12-13. These three verses speak to the depth of God's understanding of us. Is His awareness of every aspect of your life an encouragement for you? Discuss.
- Why did God hem David in? (see v. 5) In verse 5 David talks about God "hemming" him in. Though today we use this expression to define a feeling of confinement or restricted freedom, David meant just the opposite. When God hemmed David in, David was grateful for God's close contact. Wherever he turned, he found God. As a result, David was both comforted and awestruck by God's care and protection. (Found in the NIV Quest Bible, study question for Psalm 139:5)
- The Psalmist's proclamation in verse 6 contains both a celebration and a realization. What is the psalmist celebrating and what is he realizing? Discuss.