

SERMON LISTENING WORKSHEET

Date: August 10, 2025

Passage: Psalm 139:1-16

Title: Behold the Inescapable God

What is this main thing to know?

Beholding the truth that God is both infinite and personally concerned with us, gives us confidence that we know and will continue to know God. This meditation should force us to address the ways we tend to 'escape God'. And it should radically compel us to reconsider what a real, daily, passionate relationship with Him looks like.

What is the main thing to do?

Meditate on the Infinity of God, in dependence on God. Consider the infinite ways He never fails to intentionally order our lives towards Himself.

What is the flow of the message?

- 1.1: Introductory Question: How do you know that you know God, and continue to know Him?
 - 1.2: Knowing God via. truth from the Bible (2 Pet. 1:19, Jer. 9:23-24)
 - 1.3: The problem with truth alone (Hos. 4:1-2)
 - 1.4: Knowing God via. 'transformative truth' (Rom. 12:2, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Tit. 2:11-12)
 - 1.5: When 'transformative truth' seems to fall short
- 2.1: New Question: Why doesn't 'transformative truth' seem to transform us?
 - 2.2: Ignoring communion with God on the road to godliness
 - 2.3: God is here to help us with this
 - 2.4: Purpose and Context of Psalm 139
- 3.1: Behold God's Infinite Knowledge (verses 1-6)
 - 3.2: God knows David's movements (v. 2a)
 - 3.3: God knows David's intentions (v. 2b)
 - 3.4: God knows David's habits (v. 3)
 - 3.5: God knows what David says (v. 4)
 - 3.6: David's response (v. 5-6)
 - 3.7: The response demanded on us
- 4.1: Behold God's Inescapable Presence (verses 7-12)
 - 4.2: The foolish ways we tend to 'escape God'
 - 4.3: God is present everywhere (v. 8)
 - 4.4: God's influence is everywhere (vv. 9-10)
 - 4.5: God's presence is inevitable (vv. 11-12)

- 4.6: We should not want to run from God
- 4.7: Proof from Psalm 139's placement in Book 5 of the Psalms
- 5.1: Behold God's Intimate Omnipotence (verses 13-16)
 - 5.2: God's molding of soul and body, and interjection of praise (vv. 13-14)
 - 5.3: God's involvement where no one else is (vv. 15-16a)
 - 5.4: God's providence over his whole life (v. 16b)
- 6.1: Conclusion: Behold God's Inescapable Love towards us
 - 6.2: Answering our Introductory Question: where real assurance is found
 - 6.3: Consider God's care over your own
 - 6.3: Consider the roads God built to bring you to Himself
 - 6.4: Consider what matters most: A relationship with God

What are some things to talk about?

1. What are some ways where you want your life to change before you consider your personal relationship with God
2. Is it easy or difficult to believe all that God's is doing in your life, when you cannot observe Him? Why or why not?
3. In what ways are you 'escaping' God? Is David trying to give us a guilt trip, or trying to help us realize an obvious, impacting truth? How is he helping us understand why God's inescapability is so important?
4. How do you need to meditate on this truth in your life? Where can you take time to meditate on God rather than yourself and your worries or struggles? What minor changes could occur for you to help shape your worldview around God's promises?

What is your takeaway?

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION

The pastors have a standing open office hour during lunch-time on Thursdays from 12-1. You can join via the Google Meet code in the bulletin.