

Transforming the City One Life at a Time.

Know God, Grow Together, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference

CONNECT

• How well do you know the people in your small group? Write down 3 things about 1 person in your group that makes them unique.

WORD

Psalm 139:13-16

"13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

THOUGHT

One of the greatest truths in life which we all know, but which we all must come to learn, is that there is no escape from God. Like fugitives, we may run, but we cannot ultimately hide from the God who penetrates even the darkness with the gaze of His light. If we manage to dodge Him in this life, we must still stand exposed before Him on that fearful Day of Judgment. There is no place to hide from God.

Happily, once we give up our flight and allow ourselves to be found by this relentless "Hound of Heaven" (as Francis Thompson described Him in his poem), we discover that His intention is not to harm but to bless us. He formed us even in our mother's womb for His purpose and ordained all of our days before we ever saw the light of day. With David we must exclaim, "How precious also are your thoughts to me, O God!" (v. 17) In coming to know Him, we come to know ourselves.

DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever spent a large amount of time with somebody and to come to find out they really don't know you. How did that make you feel? (John 14:7)

2. How does this Psalm verse make you feel about yourself and your value to God? Read Luke 12:7
3. Does any human relationship in someway resemble your relationship with God? How?
4. Does God love everyone equally (Ps. 5:5-6)? Must we (Ps. 139:21-22)? What does this mean practically?
5. Do you feel God has ordained your steps? If so explain.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

• God loves you immeasurably, He knows every hair on your head and His thoughts toward you are greater than the grains of sand in the earth (Luke 12:7, Psalm 139:18). This week, spend time allowing the God of the universe into your life. You know He cares; now allow Him to be apart.

PRAYER

- Pray, asking God to give you the ability to let Him live and be apart of your life. Pray that you will be able to trust and know that God loves you and cares deeply about you.
- Pray with a family member, friend or coworker that they would trust God loves them and made them, wanting to know them.