

LifeGroup Discussion Guide

The Omnis

When we encounter God's Almighty nature, some of His attributes can almost appear on the surface like "superpowers". Go around, as an ice breaker, and answer: "What would you choose for a superpower if you could choose anything?"

Psalm 139 begins with the attribute of God referred to as Omniscience. Three spheres are mentioned in vs 2-4: (1) thoughts (2) works (3) words. Give some examples of how people in our modern society attempt to camouflage these spheres to hide or conceal their heart? How does social media lend to this practice? How did people cover their true natures before social media? The sermon attempted to offer a more specific definition for Omniscience: "God cannot be limited by His creation with respect to knowledge."

READ John 2:23-25. John provides insight into Jesus' intentions. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' nature? How does omniscience inform Jesus' ministry? How would the religious leaders in Jerusalem seek to "limit" or "restrict" God on the earth? (look at the larger context from 2:12-25)

Omnipresence speaks to God's unlimited access to us no matter where we are. Like a universal x-ray machine, He can see all. **READ Job 34:21-22**. Relate these verses from Job back to the story of Adam and Eve's fall in the garden. Why do you think the first humans sought to hide from God? Adam and Eve needed God most of all during this time. How are we tempted to hide from God today?

READ Proverbs 15:3. We learn that God is Sovereign and altogether just in His judgments. Pastor Ryan told a story about a 4th grader who purposefully poured water on his friend. The student had thought that no one had seen him do it. How does this passage help you trust in God's judgments? The most beautiful expression of God's <u>omnipotence</u> is found in **Psalm 139:13-18**. What jumps out to you as deeply significant in these verses?

The Psalmist is struggling with trusting God in His delay in bringing judgment over the wicked. But in <u>searching your own heart</u>, who would also be swept up in judgment if God were to truly "slay the wicked" right now? **READ: Romans 12:17-21.** Conclude your time with a discussion about how you've experienced this command? When has it been easy, when has it been hard? How can we help one another to trust God's judgments?