

Date & Sermon Series:

August 12/13, 2017; Known

Speaker: Pastor Heather Zempel

Scripture Focus: Psalm 139

Note to Leaders:

This weekend we talked about what it means to be known by God. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow. You can also use these questions on your own to dive deeper into this week's sermon.

Sermon Series Questions:

- 1. What did God reveal to you?
- 2. What are you going to do about it?
- 3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

Specific Questions:

- 1. Have you experienced a time when someone else knew more about you than you knew about yourself? What was the outcome of that?
- 2. Who in your life has such knowledge of you that not only do they have permission to speak into your life, but when they do, you're likely to change? How do you foster relationships like this?
- 3. Pastor Heather stated, "Jesus knows your secrets, but he wants to give you significance anyway." How has Jesus given you significance?

- 4. When Jesus first met people he stepped into their failures, points of pride, places of rejection, and secrets. Where do you most need God to step in now?
- 5. In what ways do you attempt to hide from God?
- 6. How do you want God to know you now?

Diving Deeper:

Reread Psalm 139, praying for the Lord to speak to you in a new way as you do so.

We ended the service this week by praying through some questions. They're listed again here if you need more time to think through them and **write down** your answers:

Name the areas where you need Jesus to know you.

- What **secret** are you hiding?
- What is the **shortcoming** that makes you feel devalued?
- What **rejections** have left you isolated?
- What **doubts**, **questions**, and **uncertainties** are driving you away from Jesus?
- What **failures** do you believe have disqualified you from a relationship with Jesus?

Now, take time to listen. **Pray** that the Lord will speak to you, telling you how He sees you and what He thinks of you.

- Write down what you hear Him say.
- How does this compare to the way you see yourself?
- What can you do to align your thinking more closely to His?