

## **An All-Knowing, Ever-Present, Loving Father**

### **Psalm 139**

#### **Discussion Questions**

Read Psalm 139, Psalm 51:6 & 12, & Hebrews 4:13;

- 1) How does the fact that God knows everything about you make you feel?
- 2) In verse 5, David writes that God lays his hand upon him, and in verse 10 he says that God's hand guides him and holds him fast. Can you think of any other parts of the Bible where God's hand is mentioned? (Hint: Isaiah 48:3, Job 12:10)
- 3) What does it mean that God's hand is upon us? What imagery does this bring to mind? How might this comfort us?
- 4) Read Psalm 51:6. God teaches us wisdom in our 'hidden self', in the parts of ourselves that we are blind to. God knows why we do the things we do and He is willing to reveal this to us. Why might a 'broken and contrite heart' (Psalm 51:12) be so important in receiving this knowledge?
- 5) Why might it be important to understand that while God is *everywhere*, he isn't *everything*?
- 6) We can't escape from an ever-present God. David seems to delight in this knowledge, it gives him confidence. Why might an ever-present God cause us to be fearful? (Hint: Hebrews 4:13)
- 7) When Jesus went to the cross, he was fully aware of how much we can try to make the darkness hide us, that we have a tendency to run away and flee from his presence, like Adam and Eve did. How do you respond to a God who knows everything you have ever done and was still willing to die for you?