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BIBLE READING Psalm 139:1-24 (Church Bible page 678)
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The Power of Prayer ~6

How to be open to God: Search me.

Psalm 139:23-24

'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.' Psalm 139:23-24 NIV

1. Search my _____.

'Search me, O God, and know my heart.' Psalm 139:23 NIV

'Examine me, O God.' TEV

'Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me.' MSG

'Look deep into my heart, God.' CEV

'The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?' Jeremiah 17:9 NLT

2. Reveal my _____.

'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.' Psalm 139:23 NIV

What we fear the _____ reveals where we trust God the _____.

'No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?' Matthew 6:24-25 NLT

'And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you?' Matthew 6:30 NLT

'There is no fear in love. But perfect love, cast out all fear.'

1 John 4:18 NIV

'For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.' 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

3. Uncover my _____.

'See if there is any offensive way in me.' Psalm 139:24 NIV

1. What are others trying to _____ me?

2. What have I rationalized for _____ time?

3. Where am I most _____?

'If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' 1 John 1:8-9 NIV

'Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.' James 5:16 NIV

4. _____ me.

'Lead me in the way everlasting.' Psalm 139:24 NIV

'Lead me in the right path, O Lord. Make your way plain for me to follow.'
Psalm 5:8 NLT



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Did you ever play Truth or Dare as a kid? What's something you can't believe you said or did?
2. Read Psalm 139:23-24. Why do you think it's important to ask God to search you?
3. Why do you think we tend to be afraid of God's searchlight?
 - Can you think of anything that's hard to hear about yourself?
 - How might you be living to avoid hearing that thing?
4. How does the idea of asking God to search your heart make you feel?
 - Is anything keeping you from praying this prayer? If so, what?
5. Is there anything that seems to cause you constant or unnecessary anxiety?
 - How will you begin to trust God with this fear? See Matthew 6:24-30
6. Read Psalm 139:24. What makes you feel most defensive?
 - What do you think the Holy Spirit would say to you about it?
7. Discuss the three questions to ask yourself. What one do you often struggle with?
8. Read Psalm 5:8. How does God lead us?
 - What might we do to follow the right path and how can we help our fellow Christians?

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