

C3 Leaders Questions
S2021-WEEK 3
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Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- The Bible tells us that God is *omniscient* (all-knowing) and *omni-present* (everywhere). Which one of these is the most difficult for you to comprehend? Why?
- Does the idea of God's providence comfort you or concern you?
- We can look back on the story of Moses' birth (Read Exodus 1:1-2:10) and see God's obvious work behind the scenes. Where do you see the obvious evidence of God's working behind the scenes to this point in your life ?

Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

1) **Scripture/Observation:** Read Psalm 139:1-16 (Below is an excerpt from the Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.)

- A. In verses 1-6 what specific things does the psalmist say that God knows about him? (v1. My heart and everything; v2. My actions and thoughts; v3. When I travel or rest; v4. My words before hand)
- B. From verse 6 explain the psalmist's response to what God knows about him.
- C. After reading verses 7-12, why do you suppose we try to hide our thoughts and ourselves from God? What famous couple in scripture tried to hide from God's presence? (Hint: naked, fruit)
- D. How would explain verse 11 and 12? This verse from scripture might help you - "This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all." (1 John 1:5, NLT)

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E. How do verses 13-16 help you in your understanding of God's providence as it relates to you?

The Bible Panorama Commentary

V 1–6: OMNISCIENT - God not only knows everything about everything, but He knows everything about David. God is never surprised, but David is lost in amazement.

V 7–10: OMNIPRESENT - Wherever David goes and in whatever situation he finds himself, he finds that God is there.

V 11–12: OBSERVING - Day time and night time are the same to God. He observes David's actions at all times.

V 13–16: OBVIOUS - All the evidence of the wonder of God's creative and designing miracle of human conception and gestation is obvious. God's involvement in the life of a child does not begin at birth, but at conception.

(<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+139&version=NLT>)

2) **Application:** How will your current understanding of God's providence change the way you think, speak, and act towards others?

3) **Prayer:** Thank God for His omniscience and omnipresence, and ask Him to continue to expand your understanding of His providence.