

C3 Group Questions
S2021-WEEK 4
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Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

- The Bible tells us that God is *omnipotent* (having unlimited power). Explain why some people have a difficulty believing this to be entirely true? Here are evidence from Scripture:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1, NLT)

“He replied, “What is impossible for people is possible with God.” (Luke 18:27, NLT)

“I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?” (Jeremiah 32:27, NLT)

- Have you personally experienced God’s omnipotence in your life? Or observed it in the life of someone else?
- Read Genesis chapter 7, the story of Noah and the ark during the Great Flood. How does this amazing story affect your understanding of His unlimited power?

Getting Down to Business:

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

1) **Scripture/Observation:** Read Psalm 139:17-24.

- A. Explain what the psalmist is saying about God in vv. 17-18.
- B. Why do you think the psalmist seems to shift his attention to talk about the wicked in vv. 19-22? So, *why* doesn’t God destroy the wicked?
- C. How do you reconcile Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 5:43-48 (“Teaching about Love for Enemies”) with what the psalmist is saying in vv. 21-22?
- D. Why does the psalmist ask God to search him so thoroughly?

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2) **Application:** How should a better understanding of God's providence help us view those who are far from God?

3) **Prayer:** As you pray, acknowledge that God not only knows everything but is providentially directing everything including those who are far from Him.