



Dangerous Prayers

WEEK 2 - SEARCH ME

SERIES BIG IDEA

God's dream for you is to be a fully engaged Christ-follower, to be on adventure with Jesus that is daring, life-changing, full of purpose. If you're ready for something more, start praying dangerous prayers.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Lord, search me so that I can know my own heart.

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 139

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you. If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty! They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you? I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies. Search me, 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.

ICE BREAKER & OPENING THOUGHT

1. If you could choose your age forever, what age would you choose and why?
2. This week's dangerous prayer is about asking God to show us what we are really like. Share a time when you learned something new about yourself.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

3. Read Psalm 139 as a group and share the words and phrases that stand out to you. Why do they stick out to you? What questions, if any, do they raise?
4. David prays, "Search me." What is dangerous about praying this same prayer?

LIFE APPLICATION

5. Prayer is not just talking to God, it's also listening to God. Is the idea of listening to God new? If so what questions do you have? If not, how have you been able to listen to God in the past?
6. When we listen to God we may experience his love more fully. We might become more aware of ways we are hurting others or ourselves. We might also receive a new purpose and direction for our lives. How do you hope to hear from God this year?

NEXT STEPS / CHALLENGE

7. Complete the 3C Spiritual Growth Plan on the COMMUNITY app or at communitychristian.org/3c.
8. This week spend some time in reflective listening prayer. Write down your thoughts and hopes for the year, and make sure to write down anything you think God is revealing to you. If you're comfortable, share that with the group next week.