

## Wednesday

Read Psalm 139:6 *God's understanding is amazing*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How can God love us when God knows who we really are?*
2. *What does it mean to be just as you are, every moment, in front of God?*

**Prayer Focus** Creator God, thank you for your deep, and unfathomable love for us. Thank you for the peace that comes from knowing nothing can separate us from your love.

## Thursday

Read Psalm 139:13-16 *God has known us always*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *If we are wonderfully made, why do we have so many problems accepting and honoring God's creation?*
2. *Look around at the people in your world. In what ways are they wonderfully made?*

**Prayer Focus** All powerful One, you made each of us according to your own, individual blueprint. No secrets before our birth, no secrets in life, no secrets from you forever.

## Friday

Read Psalm 139:17-18 *God is beyond our grasp*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How can we understand what God wants for us?*
2. *If God's thoughts are beyond us, does that help us or does that free us?*

**Prayer Focus** Holy One, remind us again of how you made us and show us how all your children resemble you. Bless us with eyes of wonder for all your loving grace.

## God in the Movies: *Wonder*

### Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

*Pastor's Words: Auggie is a boy whose face is disfigured from birth. Having been homeschooled, upon reaching age 10, his parents send him to middle school. He endures the phobias and teasing typical of others who deem him ugly. A few students see beyond Auggie's face to his gifts of humor, intelligence, wit, and kindness. All of us are fearfully & wonderfully made, worthy of respect and dignity due to everyone made in the image of God. How can we help assure people of their value no matter their appearance or disability?*

### Message Notes:

## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Think of the person who knows you best. Why is it good to have people who know you so well?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

- Discuss observations about the text
  - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
  - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

*Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)*

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

### Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

### Pray for each other

### Refreshments (optional)

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## God in the Movies: *Wonder*

### Monday

Read Psalm 139:1-3 *God is ever-present*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Is it comforting that God knows absolutely everything about you? Or is it kind of scary?*
2. *Reflect on why God takes such an interest in you.*

### Prayer Focus

Great God, you are our constant companion but sometimes it's so difficult to feel connected with you. Thank you for remaining with us, at all times, in all ways, because we need that close relationship with you.

### Tuesday

Read Psalm 139:4-5 *God knows our every thought*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *God already knows what we are going to say. Does this mean we don't need to speak to God?*
2. *What does it mean to be hemmed in by God?*

### Prayer Focus

Understanding God, it is amazing that you are so intimately involved with us. Help us to see how important each and every one of us is to you.