

Who Is God?  
Building Blocks – Part 3  
January 15-16, 2022  
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Genesis 1; Psalm 139:1-18

*Psalm 33:9 For when [God] spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command.*

**Series Memory Verse: Romans 12:2 (p.866)**

*“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*

- **God Created Everything, Including Me.**

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.”* Genesis 1:1, 26 (p.3)

*“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.”* Psalm 139:13 (p.476)

- 1. Rest in hope.**

*“But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.”* Romans 8:20a-21 (p.862)

*“O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.”*  
Psalm 139:1 (p.476)

- 2. Respond with courage.**

*“There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.”*

1 Corinthians 8:6 (p.874)

*“I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!”*  
Psalm 139:7 (p.476)

- 3. Resolve to live by faith.**

*“God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.”*  
John 1:3 (p.809)

*“You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.”*  
Psalm 139:5 (p.476)

**My Next Step This Week:** \_\_\_\_\_ I will pray Psalm 139:14-17 every day.

*"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!"*

Psalm 139:14-17 (p.476)



## Discussion/Groups Guide

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**ONE VOICE**

*"Who is God?"*

Life Groups use this guide in their discussion and study of the Weekend Talk. Use this also as a discussion guide with your family and friends. Find out more about Groups (in person and online) at [alivechurch.com/groups](http://alivechurch.com/groups).

### Conversation Starters

- Have you ever created something from scratch? It could be anything from a cake to a cabinet to a cruise ship. Did this creation happen by itself or did it require intentional activity?
- How would you describe God to a young child?
- What does our culture seem to think of God? Or does it think of Him at all?

### Quick Review

Looking back at your Weekend Talk Notes, was there anything you heard in the service that stood out to you, challenged you, or maybe even confused you?

### Discussion Starters from the Weekend Talk

Refer to the Talk Notes and Bible verses from the Talk Notes.

**Our One Thing to remember this week is:  
God Created Everything, Including Me.**

- Series Memory Verse: Romans 12:2 (p.866)
- Background: Genesis 1 (specially vs 1 & 26) (p.3)
- See also: Psalm 139 (p.476)
  - How does it make you feel to know that God created everything, including you?

This week our discussion focuses on three important actions:

**1. Rest in hope.** Romans 8:20-21 (p.862); Psalm 139:1 (p.476)

- Talk about this statement: As our creator, God is all knowing, ever present and all powerful.
  - How does this affect your daily life?
- In what can we rest, as described in these verses?
- Is it a comforting or a scary thought to know that God knows everything about you?
- When have you had to surrender trust to God because you had no idea what to do?

**2. Respond with courage.** 1 Corinthians 8:6 (p.874); Psalm 139:7 (p.476); Joshua 1:9 (p.188); Matthew 28:20 (p.760)

- How does knowing God is the all-knowing creator help you live in courage?
- In what ways do we sometimes live as if God is very small and weak?
- Is the courage we are called to live in a courage that is mustered up by ourselves? From where does this courage come?

**3. Resolve to live by faith.** 1 Corinthians 1:17 (p.870); Psalm 139:13 (p.476); John 1:3 (p.809)

- How have you experienced living by faith?
- Who have you known who seems to live by faith?
- What or who challenges your faith?

### Digging Deeper

Read Psalm 139 (p.476).

- Most scholars believe that this Psalm was written by David when He was first made King of Israel (1048 BC).
- Make notes of how many ways the Psalmist describes God and His creation.
- What does this Psalm say about you?
- How is this a commentary of the value of life?
- David refers to his enemies in verses 19-22. How does *our* enemy seek to oppose us? (John 10:10 (p.819)). What did Jesus say about our enemies? (Luke 6:27-28 (p.786))
- What challenge do you read in verses 23-24? Are you ready to respond to anything God “points out” in you?

### Next Step

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