

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM

Sermon: “I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”

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Big Idea:

Exodus 3:6

He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.¹

This week we discovered that God is Our God of ALL generations. He is not passive as it may sometimes seem. We saw that God’s fingerprints are on our lives before we are even born. These finger prints come in the form of what God has wrought in our parent’s lives and our grandparent’s lives that affects us. Ultimately we are all a part of a great story that God is weaving. What we do today affects those around us for positive or negative. What we do affects those who come after us. Fathers and mothers have a powerful role in this story. Some of us may not be fathers but we still can have a fatherly effect in the lives of those around us.

This week we are going to keep to one text and explore what God is telling us – Psalm 139: the whole chapter.

Groups Reads: Psalm 139:1-6

1. What is the key thought expressed in this passage?
2. How does David respond to this concept? (vs. 6)

Matthew Henry

David here lays down this great doctrine - That the God with whom we have to do has a perfect knowledge of us, and that all the motions and actions both of our inward and of our outward man are naked and open before him.²

Groups Reads: Psalm 139:7-12

3. What is revealed about God in this passage?
4. How are we to respond to this kind of God?

Groups Reads: Psalm 139:13-18

5. David reflects upon Gods’ view of humanity even to contemplate the thought that He is with us as we are being developed in our Mothers womb. What does this mean for us? What kind of God do we worship?
6. Contemplate David’s response to this concept (Verses 17, 18). What is our reaction to this? What is God telling me today and how am I responding?

Groups Reads: Psalm 139:19-24

7. In verse 19-21 we in the 21st century wonder how God can tolerate this kind of attitude. But David is a man of his time. He not just a prophet and poet; he is a king and a warrior. This response from such a man of his time would seem natural.

¹The New Revised Standard Version, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers) 1989.

²Henry, Matthew, *Matthew Henry’s Commentary on the Bible*, (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers) 1997.

8. Verses 23, 24: What would it be like if these lines were a part of our prayer every day?

Conclusion:

We serve a God that reaches further into our lives than we can possibly imagine. As we consider David's response to this concept maybe we are as speechless as he is. But ultimately we need to open our lives to Him and allow Him to search us, teach us and lead us to be used by Him in this great story of God's interaction with all generation. In your group share with each other some things God may have revealed to you in this meeting. May the group prayer be these last words of Psalm 139 - let us allow our great God to search every part of us and lead us "in the way of everlasting."