



## Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Discovering the Depth of Prayer*

Text: Psalm 139

Service Date: November 16, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### Getting Started

- We are over halfway in our *40 Days of Prayer* series. How has your prayer life changed so far? What are some things that God has impressed upon you the last few weeks?
  - The sermon started out by comparing our different relationships with people. Do you find yourself having more superficial "Hi, how are ya?" relationships or deeper "Hey, how you really doing?" relationships? (If someone really wants to experience true friendship and community, what type of effort do you think this takes?)
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### Sermon Discussion

- The sermon topic was "Discovering the Depth of Prayer". How would you define a prayer life that has depth? Are the things that come to mind something that you're praying and seeking after God for each day or only things that you casually mention?
- Many say that they want a deeper prayer life but often don't take the time to intentionally develop it. If you were honest, how much effort do you put into your daily prayer life? Is it something you just "hope" will develop even though you never change the way you approach it?
- Read Psalm 139:1. A deeper prayer life starts with honesty. Do you struggle to be open and honest with God?
- We are completely known by God. Does this fact bring you comfort or strike fear in your heart? Why?
- Have you ever tried to run from God? What are some reasons that lead us to running from Him?
- Nobody knows you better than God. He searches us and nothing is hidden from Him, yet He sent His Son Jesus to die for you. Why does this truth make no earthly sense?
- Why do prayers such as the one from David in Psalm 139 deepen our relationship with God?

- What about David's prayer keeps it from being disrespectful or blasphemous?
  - David invites God to "search me and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts." What does it take to pray that kind of prayer sincerely—and really mean it?
  - When David realized that God was with him everywhere he went, even in the darkest places, it brought him peace rather than fear. How can God's constant presence become a source of comfort in your daily life?
  - The sermon talked about how deep relationships—like long-term friendships or marriages—grow through time and trust. What practices can help your relationship with God grow in that same way?
  - David didn't hide his anger or frustration from God. What does his honesty teach us about how to bring our raw emotions—like anger, fear, or doubt—into prayer?
  - Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). How does following Jesus help us discover deeper prayer and a closer walk with God every day?
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### **This Week's Action Response**

- Read through Psalm 139 every day this week and let it be an inspiration for being open and honest with God about your deepest doubts, fears, and anxieties. Be honest with God about what you are feeling, because He has already searched us and nothing will surprise Him!
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### **Upcoming Impact Opportunity ([tri-village.org/events](http://tri-village.org/events))**

- Caroling at Nursing Homes- Wed., Dec. 3, 5:30-7pm
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### **40 Days of Prayer ([tri-village.org/40daysofprayer](http://tri-village.org/40daysofprayer)) October 27 – December 5**

Available Prayer Space- Every Monday during the 40 Days of Prayer, the Sanctuary will be open from 7am to 7pm. There will be no set agenda, just a place where you can come and quiet your heart while you pray.

Have a way that God has worked recently through prayer? Visit [tri-village.org/40daysofprayer](http://tri-village.org/40daysofprayer) and share your story.