

Unit 15, Session 4: Every Person Matters

Big Picture Question: What makes people special? People are special because we are made in God's image, as male and female, to know him.

Memory Verse: Psalm 139:13-14 – “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.”

Christ Connection: Every person matters. God created us and cares for us. He sent His Son Jesus to save us from our sins. As we love and follow God, He calls us to love others and show respect to everyone.

Bible Passage: Psalm 139

Find the passages together in your Bibles and read through them together. You could also read the paraphrase of all these passages below in blue. For younger kids, you may want to just read the bolded portions.

While Psalm 139 offers wonderful insight into how the Lord has created each person, the psalmist’s primary focus is on God the Creator. The omniscience and omnipresence of the Lord are themes of praise for the psalmist as he describes the Lord’s sovereignty. The Lord’s knowledge of his creation is incomprehensible, and he knows the psalmist inside and out. While man’s knowledge is limited, the Lord’s knows no boundary. He is aware of all that man may think, say, or do beforehand (vv. 1-6). There is nothing we can do that is outside of God’s sovereign rule, for not only does God know all things he is also in all places. The Lord is not bound by time or space and his gaze cannot be obscured by distance or darkness (vv. 7-12). How is the Lord so capable? How is he so knowledgeable and aware? The psalmist answers: “For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well” (vv.13-14). All that man can do, each of our days, have already been “written in [his] book and planned before a single one of them began” (v. 16). He knows us so well because we are his and he made us!

By focusing on the sovereignty of God’s all-knowing, all-present character, the psalmist shows us just how purposeful and knowledgeable God is about each part of his creation—including his intimate and careful formation of every human being. Yes, each person—even those who choose wickedness— bears the very image of the Creator. Each person has been remarkably and wondrously made because we have all been made by a remarkable and wondrous Creator. It is a gift to be so known by our Creator and to say with the psalmist: “Search me, God and know my heart...” (vv. 23-24).

King David wrote a psalm, or song, to the Lord. He praised God, who knows every person completely and is always with us.

David wrote, "Lord, You know me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up. You know everything I think about. You know when I travel and when I rest; You know everything about me. Before I say a word, You know it. You are all around me. I feel You with me.

"Where can I go to escape from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? Everywhere I go, You are there with me. I cannot run from You or hide from You.

"You created me. You formed me in my mother's womb. I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Everything You make and do is wonderful! You knew me and saw me before I was even born. You know what my life would be like. **You planned out all my days."**

David ended his psalm with this prayer: "Search me, God, and know my heart. Test me and know what makes me worry. See if I am doing wrong and lead me on the right path forever."

If you or your child have questions about what it looks like to follow Jesus in salvation or baptism, Pastor Sam would love to talk with you! Please feel free to contact him at ssiever@lenexabaptist.com.