



Life in 3-D

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Life in 3-D: Psalm 139:13-18

Introduction:

1 Peter 3:15-16

God Created Every Life in 3-D (Psalm 139)

1. You were created with _____ (v. 13-16a)

Ephesians 2:10 – workmanship = Greek *poiema* (poem, masterpiece)

2. You were created with _____ (v. 16b)

3. You were created with _____ (v. 17-18)

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION

Personal Life:

1. How have your own beliefs about the sanctity of life been specifically shaped by culture, life-experience and the Bible?

Ponderings:

2. In your opinion, why has the issue of “when life begins” become such a hot-button moral issue over the past 50 years?
3. Read Psalm 139 in its entirety as a group, and discuss the following thoughts and questions...
 - Looking through the first 12 verses, what attributes of God are clearly evident in the passage? What would you discover about God's character if this were the only passage of the Bible you had in your possession?
 - In verses 13-18, we discovered that God created life in 3-D...with *design*, *destiny* and *dignity*. In your own words, describe what each of those qualities means...
 - In verses 19-21, some have taken this as a condoning of hatred toward wicked people. Others say that it is simply David expressing his candid emotions to the Lord during a time of stressful attack as a military and spiritual leader of Israel. What are your thoughts about these words? Do you think they seem misplaced in what is otherwise such a positive, uplifting Psalm? Explain...
 - In verse 1 David says that the Lord has searched him (past tense). In verses 21-22 he asks the Lord to search him (present tense). Any thoughts on why David would ask this of the Lord?
4. In your opinion, in what way(s) have Bible-believing Christians handled the “sanctity of life” issue well in America? In what way(s) have we missed the mark? Explain...

Promptings:

5. Close in prayer for Alpha and for other ministries across the globe that are sharing the grace, truth and hope of the Gospel with those who are struggling with decisions about the sanctity of life.