

GOD IS ALWAYS PRESENT

Discipleship Guide #13/14

TODAY'S GOAL

- That the student(s) would deepen his/her understanding that God is always present and living and active in his/her life.

OPEN IN PRAYER

- Pray together and ask God to prepare your hearts to hear from His Word today.

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

- Set the foundation for why you are studying the attributes of God. First, read **2 Pet 3:18** together. Then, in your own words, explain the following truth: *what we believe changes how we live* (feel free to share an example). *Therefore, what we believe about God will change the way we think, speak, and act.* Finally, share with your student(s) one way you were change by a growing trust/belief in the character of God during a particular moment of your life. Maybe resting in His sovereignty brought you through a deep depression or growing in understanding of His personability deepened your prayer life. This will give them tangible hope to change themselves!

GET TO KNOW WHERE YOUR STUDENT(S) IS AT

- Discuss: **Have you ever heard the word "omnipresence" and if so, how would you describe what this word means?** Ask clarifying questions if needed. After getting their own thoughts on this particular attribute of God, explain the following definition in your own words: *All of God is always present everywhere on earth and in heaven at all times. There is nothing outside of His knowledge or view. God is infinite and beyond our ability to fully comprehend. However, we can take comfort in the fact that He is always with us, He knows our heart and our pain, we cannot hide from Him, and even though He sees it all, He loves us deeply and fully.*

SEE WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY ABOUT HIMSELF

- Open the Bible together and explore the following key scriptures to gain clarity. Have the student(s) read the passage and then discuss the following question after each key verse: **What does this Scripture reveal about how God is always present in our life?** As you go through each one make a list of key ideas or themes that are present throughout each Scripture on a whiteboard regarding God's omnipresence.
- Key Scriptures:
 - **Psalm 139:7-10; Jeremiah 23:24; Proverbs 15:3; Job 34:21; Matthew 18:20; Prov 5:21.**

DISCUSS HOW WE CHANGE IN LIGHT OF GOD'S OMNISCIENCE

- In this portion of your time, choose 3-4 of the following questions to discuss with your student(s). If you get through them quickly, then feel free to discuss others from the following. During this time together, let the Holy Spirit lead you to ask any follow-up questions to your student(s) responses. Allow Him to guide you as you shepherd the student(s) through anything that stems from the following questions."

- Discuss: **How can God be everywhere all at once?**
- Discuss: **What does it mean to you that you cannot escape God's presence?**
- Discuss: **Does the fact that God is everywhere and sees everything bring you comfort or worry?**
- Discuss: **What are common ways that people try to escape or run from God? Have you ever tried? What did you learn?**
- Discuss: **What difference would it make if God was not always present? How would that impact your relationship with Him and your daily living?**
- Discuss: **Do you ever feel like you are too insignificant for God to see or care about your life?**
- Discuss: **How do you feel knowing that God is always available to you and aware of your life circumstances?**

LIFESTYLE BUILDING BLOCK

- Be intentional this week to be aware of God's presence in every aspect of your life. Allow your conscience of God's presence in your life to change the way you live (think, make decisions, speak, etc.).

CONSIDER OPTIONAL HOMEWORK:

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CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Encourage your student(s) to confess their struggle and be honest with God. Can be in a prayer journal or out loud. Spend time thanking God for the hope that this truth gives them.

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