

The Top Shelf — Week 2: "The All-Knowing God"

CONNECT: What is the perfect sandwich? OR: What would your baseball walk-up song be?

GROW:

- 1. We are in week 2 of The Top Shelf series, in which we are taking a closer look at different attributes of God. This week, Scott talked about God being all-knowing and what that can mean for our lives. He reminded us that there is nowhere we can run or hide from the all-knowing God of the universe.
 - a. How do we try to hide from God?
 - b. How do we try to hide from other people?

2. Read Psalm 139:1-12.

- a. Scott mentioned that our deepest fears reflect our deepest needs, and that one of our deepest needs is to be known. BUT he also said we're terrified of being known.
 - i. What does it mean to *be known*?
 - ii. Why are we terrified of being known?
- b. **Read Psalm 139:13-18.** No matter how hard we try, we cannot escape from the God of the universe who deeply and truly knows us. He sees beyond the masks we put on and the images we desperately try to portray. When He looks at us, He sees His beautiful, cherished creation that He formed with the utmost care.
 - i. How can the knowledge of being fully known by God change the way we live?
- 3. **Read Romans 5:6-8.** Even though God is all-knowing of our sin, shame, and failures, it does not stop Him from stepping into the space between <u>our mess</u> and <u>His table</u> and bridging that gap with <u>His throne of grace</u>. It is *because* God is all-knowing that we can rest in His saving grace.

PRAY: Thank God today for the fact that He knows the deepest parts of our souls and loves us deeply as His children.

NEXT: As Scott challenged us on Sunday, meditate this week on Psalm 139:23-24. Pray that God would reveal more and more the ways we can both *know* Him and *be known* by Him.