

Home Group Discussion Questions
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Summer Song Series (Part 3) - Psalm 139
Known and Loved

Ted talked about big ideas, does anyone have an experience of a big idea you had that you would like to share? Good, bad, or humorous? It's OK to fail? (***) See Abraham Lincoln's failures and successes on the next page.)

1. As a group, read Psalm 139 together. What is your first reaction to this Psalm? What is it saying of us a body of believers? What is it saying to you?

2. Discuss the following terms and how they relate to this Psalm.

Omniscience: is the capacity to know everything that there is to know.

Omnipresence: is the property of being present everywhere.

Omnipotence: quality of having unlimited power.

3. Discuss the following thought:

When you accept how God made you, you stop looking to others for acceptance

4. Discuss the the following scripture and how it relates to this Psalm:

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

5. Discuss the following statements:

God knows you because he made you.

God made you unique.

God loves the way he made you.

6. How do you deal with people who don't accept you?

7. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "value"? What makes a person valuable?

8. Where can you flee from God's presence?

9. Discuss the thought: " what comes out of your mouth is really in your heart"?

As you close the session, reflect individually (share if you wish) three things that you can do to make yourself a better person and servant of God.

*****Abraham Lincoln's Failure's and Successes**

- 1832 Lost job, Defeated for state legislature
- Elected company captain of Illinois militia in Black Hawk War
- 1833 Failed in business
- Appointed postmaster of New Salem, Illinois
- Appointed deputy surveyor of Sangamon County
- 1834 Elected to Illinois state legislature
- 1835 Sweetheart died
- 1836 Had nervous breakdown
- Re-elected to Illinois state legislature (running first in his district)
- Received license to practice law in Illinois state courts
- 1837 Led Whig delegation in moving Illinois state capital from Vandalia to Springfield
- Became law partner of John T. Stuart
- 1838 Defeated for Speaker Nominated for Illinois House Speaker by Whig caucus
- Re-elected to Illinois House (running first in his district)
- Served as Whig floor leader
- 1839 Chosen presidential elector by first Whig convention
- Admitted to practice law in U.S. Circuit Court
- 1840 Argues first case before Illinois Supreme Court
- Re-elected to Illinois state legislature
- 1841 Established new law practice with Stephen T. Logan
- 1842 Admitted to practice law in U.S. District Court
- 1843 Defeated for nomination for Congress
- 1844 Established own law practice with William H. Herndon as junior partner
- 1846 Elected to Congress
- 1848 Lost renomination (Chose not to run for Congress, abiding by rule of rotation among Whigs.)
- 1849 Rejected for land officer
- Admitted to practice law in U.S. Supreme Court
- Declined appointment as secretary and then as governor of Oregon Territory
- 1854 Defeated for U.S. Senate
- Elected to Illinois state legislature (but declined seat to run for U.S. Senate)
- 1856 Defeated for nomination for Vice President
- 1858 Again defeated for U.S. Senate
- 1860 Elected President