

TASTE & SEE: WK 3 HANDOUT

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP

Share some stories from your life:

- When was the first time you became aware of God's existence?
- When was the first time you became aware of God's presence?
- Are there certain times/places where God's existence and presence are most obvious to you?

MAGNIFY NARRATIVE CONFESSION OF FAITH: "GOD"

"We believe in one holy, sovereign and **all-knowing** God, who **eternally** exists in three coequal persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father directs and sustains all things through his Son and by his Spirit. The Son is the mediator through whom God creates, governs and redeems the world. The Spirit powerfully accomplishes the works of God, bringing honor to the Son who glorifies the Father. These three persons are the one true God (the Trinity), equal in every perfection, and acting in distinct but harmonious roles in the work of creation and redemption."

QUESTIONS:

- What does God's presence mean to you? Is it a comfort? A paradox? A frustration?
- Name one time the truth of God's presence was especially powerful or meaningful to you.
- In what ways do people try to limit or deny God's knowledge?
- When is it most difficult to believe in God's knowledge and presence?
- What do we lose when we forget God's presence and knowledge?

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READ: Psalm 139

QUESTIONS

- 1) What are some specific examples of things God knows about us listed in this psalm? (v2-4)
- 2) How does David react to God's knowledge? (v6)
- 3) What are some specific examples of places David says God can find us? (v8-12)
- 4) How does David characterize God's knowledge of us? Is it more clinical and detached or intimate and invested? (v15-16)
- 5) How does this compare with our knowledge of God? (v17-18)
- 6) What does David ask for in light of God's knowledge and presence? (v19-24)
- 7) What would you ask God for right now in light of His knowledge and presence?

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

Practice – Brother Lawrence famously talked about “practicing the presence of God,” or working in each day and each moment to remember that God is there. This week, try to practice the presence of God in every new space you enter. Remind yourself He is there and act accordingly.

Journal – Write down in a journal or in the space below any significant insights that come from your practice. Be prepared to share one of them in group next week.