**Dig Deeper @Home – "Hello, my Name is …"**

**Complement to lesson on 07/16/23 – "The God Who is There"**

**ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**
1. Playing a game of Hide-and-Seek, do you prefer to be the "hider" or the "seeker?" Why?
2. Describe a time you doubted that God was working in a situation. How did you feel?

**MEMORIZE – Jeremiah 33:2-3**

Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it – the LORD is his name: "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."

**READ – Read Ezekiel 48:35 & Psalm 139**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider…

   a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to "jump off the page" as you read?

   b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so… why might that be?)

   c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
   In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?

2. The limitless nature of both God's knowledge and His presence permeates Psalm 139:

   a. Take a minute to write a list of all the things the writer (David) says that God "knows," "sees," or "discerns."
      i. What is David's response to this vast knowledge? (Hint: v 6, 14, 17, 23-24)
      ii. What is your response?

   b. Verses 7-12 pose the question, "Where shall I go from your Spirit?"
      i. Is the answer ever actually given?
      ii. What do the places listed and things being compared and contrasted in this section tell us about God's presence?

**EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY** – *Hide and Seek… with God?!?*

Remember back when you were a child and there was ***nothing*** more fun than playing a game of hide-and-seek? (Maybe you are still a child… or child at heart!) Take a walk down memory lane and play with a group. Gather those who will be participating and decide who among you will be the "seeker." Everyone else will be a "hider." Establish the boundaries of the hiding area, and determine an agreed upon number that the seeker will count to with their eyes closed prior to opening their eyes and beginning their search for those who have hidden. After the count, the seeker will attempt to locate those hidden, one by one, and the last one found is the winner!

After the game is completed, gather the group together and give the one who was best at hiding a round of applause. Now, ask them if they think they have enough skill to hide even from God! (If their ego is too inflated from winning the game to admit their inability, you may need to re-read Psalm 139: 7-12 together!) When everyone inevitably admits that they can by no means hide from God, take a minute to read the story of Adam and Eve giving it a try in the garden of Eden. (Genesis 3:1-13)

Is it comforting or concerning that we can't even dream of hiding from God?
Hebrews 4:13 says that, "no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." If we are honest, this might be a little scary! Grab your Bibles and read the rest of the chapter though (Hebrews 4:14-17) and give thanks to God that we need not run and hide from Him… but through Christ are able to draw near with confidence!

**SING** (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)
Psalm 139 - https://youtu.be/eH5YmQSnE4k
Tremble - https://youtu.be/qjdGav80MGw
God of Wonders - https://youtu.be/LiEO-HvdDYY
Listen – Skillet : Terrify the Dark - https://youtu.be/lWsSkL8SMjo

**PRAY**
This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

**Sending prayer based on the series:**
This week, know that there is nowhere you can go from God's presence! Wherever you find yourself, turn to "The God Who is There." Look for the ways He is already at work: in, around, and through you, and ask Him to reveal the ways He desires you to join Him in establishing His kingdom.