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Discussion Guide

Face the Issue:

This week, Rodney led us through Psalm 102. This psalm's writer was feeling abandoned and in despair because of the situation that they found themselves in. During this time in history, maybe you are feeling the same way. As we do the things needed to keep not only ourselves safe but those around us, there is definitely a danger of feeling overwhelmed and alone.

This can also affect how we feel about God. We might have thoughts or questions like "Where is God in all this?". "Why has He seemingly abandoned us in this time?" "Doesn't He care about what I am going through?"

Has there been a time in your life when you felt alone? If yes, how did you get through it?

How would you answer a friend who tells you that they feel like God has abandoned them?

Into the Word

Rodney focused on Psalm 102. We will look at another Psalm about the presence of God.

Read Psalm 139.

Psalm 139 reveals a Creator who knows us intimately—a God who is with us, watching over us, loving us all the days of our lives, in every place and every circumstance.

According to the psalmist, these are the things that God does:

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| -searches us | -guides us |
| -knows us | -holds us fast |
| -perceives our thoughts | -has created our inmost being |
| -discerns our comings and goings | -has knit us together |
| -hems us in | -sees us |
| -lays a hand on us | -ordains our days |

What does all this active involvement in our lives communicate about God's character?

What is the psalmist's response to God's attentiveness (verses 6, 17-18)?

Looking again at the list of God's actions in our lives, what is your response to these descriptions of God's active, loving involvement and attention in your life?

Which of the actions speaks the most to you at this time? Why?

How might it affect you on a daily basis to trust that God pays loving attention to every detail of your life?

Apply The Word

Take a moment at the end of each day this week to review the day. Ask God to bring to your mind the many ways that He was lovingly attending to you throughout the day.