

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

He's There

Getting Started

What's the most alone you've ever been?

Digging In

1. **Read Psalm 139:1-6.** Write a one-sentence summary of these verses.
2. **Read Psalm 139:7-12.** In the first six verses of this psalm, the writer reflects on God's omniscience – the fact that he knows everything. In simple language, what is the psalmist talking about in verses 7-12?
3. What did the writer conclude? Is there anyplace we can go where God isn't? Explain.
4. Did the psalmist view God's omnipresence as a threat or a comfort? Explain.
5. How can God's omnipresence be a comfort to us? (cf. Psalm 23:4)
6. Most of Jeremiah 23 is a condemnation of false prophets. **Read Jeremiah 23:23-24.** What was the relevance of God's omnipresence for these false prophets?
7. What is the relevance of these verses for today?
8. **Read 1 Kings 8:27.** This verse appears in Solomon's prayer of dedication for the temple he'd built for the Lord. How did Solomon view God's presence?
9. What is the significance of the *promise of God's presence* in **Isaiah 41:10**?

How about in **Isaiah 43:1-2**?

Getting Personal

- **Read Matthew 1:21-23.** How is *God's presence* communicated through one of the names given to Jesus, namely *Immanuel*?
- What is the significance of the *promise of Christ's presence* in **Matthew 28:18-20**?
- What would *practicing the presence of God* look like in your life?

