PRAYER

- Pray for grace to take captive every thought that goes through your minds and make them obedient to Christ.

- Pray for grace, wisdom, and favor over a tough situation you may be facing at this time.

- Pray that your lives will be aligned to God's plans.

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NOTES

CONNECT

- What is one thing you wish others know about you? Why?

- What fact or information would have been helpful in the past and you wish you knew earlier?

- Who do you consider as a very knowledgeable person? In what ways is he or she knowledgeable?

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

. . . For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

1 John 3:20

One of the qualities of God revealed in Scripture is His omniscience or being all-knowing. It means He knows all things at all times fully and perfectly (Isaiah 46:9,10, Psalm 33:13-15). Dr. Kevin Conner said in his book, *The Foundations of Christian Doctrine*, "Whether things be past, present or future, God knows them all perfectly." He also knows us very well, as the following points describe.

- **God knows our thoughts.**
  [1]O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. [2]. . .you perceive my thoughts from afar.

  Psalm 139:1, 2

  Understanding that God knows what goes through our minds is both comforting and scary. Comforting because we can be sure that He knows our motives, the tough situations we are facing (Psalm 56:8), and our needs even before we ask Him (Matthew 6:8). It is also scary because we know that we cannot hide anything from Him. How does this help you be more careful about your thoughts?

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- **God knows our actions.**
  You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

  Psalm 139:3

  God knows all that we do (Hebrews 4:13), even the things we wish people saw us do or the things we wish they did not. What is more amazing is that, even if He knows the worst (past, present, and future) in us, He still loves us (Romans 5:8). How does this truth give you confidence in doing challenging things?

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- **God is for us.**
  All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

  Psalm 139:16

  "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

  Jeremiah 29:11

  Our omniscient God has good plans for us all. Though we may have wonderful dreams for ourselves and for our loved ones, we are very privileged that our great God has even greater dreams for us (1 Corinthians 2:9). Tell of a time when you followed God's plans for you in a certain situation. How did it go? Why can we fully trust God's ways?

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SO WHAT ***What is the relevance of the Word to my life?***

- How are your thoughts pleasing or displeasing to God (2 Corinthians 10:5)?

- When you are discouraged because no one understands what you are going through, how does the truth that God knows your situation encourage you? How can you show that you trust God despite how hopeless the situation may seem?

- How does the truth that God has great plans for you help you become hopeful for your future? How does this assurance affect the way you treat other people?

NOW WHAT ***How do I apply the Word to my life?***

- What did you learn form this lesson and how can you practically apply it in your life starting this week?

- Knowing that God knows the worst in us and yet loves us still, have you accepted the gift of salvation He is offering through Christ? You may talk to your Victory Group leader about it.

- What steps can you take this week to show that you trust God' plan for your life? How can you know His plans for you better?