

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WHO IS GOD?

Part 3: The Undesigned Designer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ongoing Leadership Training: Bible Study 101 – Instructor Zap Martin

Tired of spending a lot of money on small group materials and would like to learn how to develop your own Bible study? This class will help you get more familiar with the Bible so that you can prepare your own lessons. It will save you money and help your group to grow in their knowledge and application of the Bible. This is a 2-week class the schedule is as follows:

**Session 1: Sun. March 20<sup>th</sup> – Room 252 – 2-4 PM**

**Session 2: Sun. March 27<sup>th</sup> – Room 225 – 2-4 PM**

Please RSVP to [john.darrow@therocksandiego.org](mailto:john.darrow@therocksandiego.org) if you are interested in attending. This is free for all who attend. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Prayer Partner:** Just a reminder to identify at (1) person in your group who will commit to praying for everyone in your group and that would like to receive other prayer requests from other groups within the small group ministry. Contact [michelle.bauman@therocksandiego.org](mailto:michelle.bauman@therocksandiego.org) with the person's contact info, thank you.

**Potential Small Group Leaders:** As we grow in the ministry we are looking for solid and quality leaders to step up and lead groups of their own. We encourage you identify an apprentice that can come alongside to learn more about small group leadership, or someone that is ready to start leading today. If you have someone in mind, please contact [scotty.james@therocksandiego.org](mailto:scotty.james@therocksandiego.org) and he would like to connect with you and them to get this process rolling.

## MEMORY VERSES

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.” (Psalm 139:13-14 ESV)

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.” (Isaiah 40:28 ESV)

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – WHO IS GOD?

### Getting Started

1. Review the 3 points of God as a Designer as listed in the lesson plan:
  1. Our design requires an **intelligent** designer. (cf. Psalm 139:13-18)
  2. Our design requires a **spiritual** designer. (cf. John 4:24; Gen. 1:26)
  3. Our design requires an **eternal** designer. (cf. Isaiah 40:28)
2. Miles mentioned some fascinating facts about the human body in his message. Was there any one of the facts that stood out to you the most? Did this change your perception of God as an “Intelligent Designer?”

### Digging Deeper

“As in the rest of the ancient world, in Israel it is more important **who is in charge** than where things ultimately come from.” (IVP Bible Background Commentary; Old Testament)

In our culture, this is obviously a completely different story. Even in the church, we have become concerned with asking the question of “where things come from?” rather than the question of “who is in charge?”

1. Read Psalm 139:1-16 as a group. As you read, highlight or write down key attributes of God in his creation process of man as listed by David.

An attribute of God is anything that describes his promises, nature, or characteristics.

2. Which of these attributes grab your attention the most and why?
  - He is discerner of thoughts. (v. 2)
  - He is acquainted with all of our ways. (v. 3)
  - He knows every word we proceed to speak. (v. 4)
  - He follows us and blesses us. (v. 5)
  - He is omnipresent, or everywhere at once. (v. 7-10)
  - He is not limited to darkness or light. (v. 11-12)
  - He formed, made, created, and established every part of the human body and spirit. (v. 13-15)
  - He has numbered and determined our days, even before our days began (v. 16)
3. How does knowing these attributes of God challenge you to respond to him? Have everyone go around and explain what a practical response to these attributes look like.

The answer and response will be and look different for different people. Transparency and worship of God should be the main outcome.