

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of February 3

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### **A Star is Born**

**Our Scripture: Psalm 139:1-14**

#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

When you were a child, what did you dream of becoming as an adult?

What is your most embarrassing memory?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

Read Psalm 139:1-14.

1. What in this passage stands out to you? Comforts you? Confuses you?
2. This passage says we can never escape God's presence--but it does not always feel like this. Where/when do you tend to feel God's presence? And where do you not?
3. In verse 14, the Psalmist writes, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This statement is true of every person. Is there a person or moment at which this line is easier to believe?
4. Based upon this passage alone, how would you describe God? Any attributes that encourage you? Worry you? Any attributes of God included here that you don't normally think of?

## **MEDIA MIX - "Shallow"**

In the clip from Sunday, Jackson Maine (Bradley Cooper's character) references having previously sang the song "Shallow" with Ally (Lady Gaga's character). Earlier in *A Star is Born*, Ally sings "Shallow" to Jackson in a grocery store parking lot. Watch the clip here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9b2exuHICRo>

1. Donald Miller writes, "I have sometimes wondered if the greatest desire of man is to be known and loved anyways." In this song, I (Pr. Kevin) think that's how Jackson feels when Ally sings to him. Ally puts language to a yearning Jackson feels deep within his soul. And Ally still accepts Jackson. Are there any moments in your life where you've felt accepted in your entirety? What people have made you feel that way?
2. Does the song feel different to you when Ally privately sings it to Jackson than when they sing it together onstage? How so?
3. Click the following link to rewatch the clip from Sunday. Do any lines in this song stand out to you? Resonate with you?

<https://youtu.be/dNxCz-Iyu0g?t=12>

## **TAKING IT HOME**

1. In the first Media Mix question, we discussed being known and loved anyways. How can our church cultivate a community of people known and loved anyways? Ways we can improve? Ways we do this well? Are there certain kinds of people that more easily fit into our church? People that may struggle to fit in?

## **PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME**

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Pray this together:

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.  
You know us better than we know ourselves—  
all our thoughts and actions—  
And your love for us remains constant.

No matter where we go or what we do,  
Your love encircles us—ahead and behind—  
gently leading and guiding us.

May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds—  
examine our attitudes and actions,  
lay bare the things we need to confess,  
Shape us according to Your Word,  
and guide us on to paths that lead to life.

For we are Your people, called by Your name.  
Amen.

## **Housekeeping**

1. Who is bringing treats next week?
2. When is your group service project scheduled?
3. Complete the covenant as a growth group