



Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!

Small Group Leaders & Facilitators Meet-up

Pastor Nic will meet with Groups 3 & 4 on July 19, 2026, 7PM at the Center.

Hermeneutics Class

Do you want to grow in understanding and interpreting God's Word?

We invite you to join our upcoming Hermeneutics Class, beginning **June 28, 2026**. This class is open to all who are interested and would like to learn practical principles for studying the Bible with greater clarity, care, and confidence.

IPLC 2026

The **International Pastors & Leaders Convention (IPLC 2026)** will be held on **July 28-30** at the Living Word Banawa. Registration is ongoing. Take advantage of the *early bird* rates until **June 30, 2026**.

To register, go to: www.livingword.ph/iplc



How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.



Discover life with our **Small Groups**.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!



Stay for **fellowship** and **refreshments**.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!



Free **Blood Pressure** and **Sugar Check-up**.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service!**



Ways to give tithes and love gifts.

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OPEN TO BEING KNOWN

Psalms 139:1-12

Open: A Psalms Series on the Posture of Encounter
Ptr. Nic Sy | June 21, 2026

Sermon Notes

I. SEARCHED AND SEEN

“know” | yada (יָדָע) | “to know, to perceive, to understand, to acknowledge.”

People can know a little and misread a lot. God knows everything and misreads nothing.

You have nothing to hide and nothing to prove before the God who fully knows you.

Reflect: Are you still trying to show God an edited version of yourself?

II. HEMMED AND HELD

“hem me in” (tsuwr | צוּר) | “to bind, besiege, confine, cramp.”

God is not cornering David to trap him. God is surrounding David to keep him.

God's nearness is not a cage; it is a covering.

Reflect: Where have you interpreted God's nearness as pressure instead of protection?

III. FOUND AND NOT FORGOTTEN

Darkness may change what we can see but it does not change what God can see. Darkness may change how we feel but it does not change what God can do.

Our dark seasons are never dark for God.

Our Mission

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Sunday Services

English 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Cebuano 4:00 PM

2nd Floor,

Northgate Center.

across Gaisano Country Mall
Banilad, Cebu City.



“OPEN TO BEING KNOWN”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 22-28, 2026

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What is one small habit or routine that people close to you know about you, but casual friends probably do not notice?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Psalms 139:1-12

1. In Psalms 139:1-4, David lists several specific things God knows about him — his sitting and rising, his thoughts, his words before he speaks them. Which of these specific details stood out to you most as you read the passage, and why do you think David chose to list them one by one instead of just saying “God knows everything about me”?

2. David writes that the Lord has “searched” (*haqar*, meaning to meticulously sift for precious ore) and “known” (*yada*, meaning deep, intimate acquaintance) him in both his active and passive moments. How does it feel to realize that God is an active observer of your ordinary, daily rhythms rather than just your religious moments? Does this scare you or give you peace? Why or why not?

3. Read Psalms 139:4 alongside Matthew 6:7-8 and Romans 8:26-27. What do these passages teach us about God knowing our words, needs, and prayers before we can fully express them? How does this encourage someone who feels unable to pray well? What would it look like to apply this in your life?

4. Psalms 139:5 says “*you hemmed him in, behind and before,*” completely enveloping his past, his present, and his future. When you look back at your past regrets or look forward to a future you are anxious about, how does this verse change your perspective on who occupies those spaces?

5. David moves from being searched (vv. 1-6) to being followed (vv. 7-12); there is nowhere he can go, not heaven, not Sheol, not the farthest sea, not even darkness, where God is not already present. Is there a place in your life right now (e.g. a struggle, a season, a part of your story) that you have quietly assumed is “off limits” to God, somewhere you don’t expect him to show up?

6. David says, “*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.*” Why do you think he responds with wonder instead of fear? How does the gospel of Jesus help us understand why being fully known by God can become good news instead of bad news? Since Christ came near to sinners, bore our sin, and rose again, how can we now respond to God’s searching presence with openness rather than fear?

NEXT STEPS

Because I am fully known and still fully loved in Christ, I have nothing to hide and nothing to prove before God.

- **Come Unedited.** I will come to God honestly this week, without pretending, filtering, or trying to sound more spiritual than I am.
- **Stop Hiding.** I will name areas of my life that I have been avoiding before God and bring these to him in prayer.
- **Rest Surrounded.** I will trust that God is behind me, before me, and with me, especially in the parts of my past I regret and the future I cannot control.
- **Walk in the Light.** I will take steps of openness this week, whether through confession, prayer, repentance, asking for help, or sharing honestly with a trusted believer.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for hearts that will stop hiding, come honestly before God, and rest in the grace of being fully known and fully loved in Christ.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

June 22	Psalms 139:1-12
June 23	Jeremiah 23:21-24
June 24	John 1:45-50
June 25	Psalms 19:11-14
June 26	Luke 18:9-14
June 27	Psalms 105:23-38
June 28	Psalms 105:39-42

