

FOR GOD'S PERSONALITY TO BE REVERED
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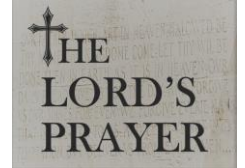
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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion *



- What is the story behind your name? Were you named after someone or given a family name? What does your name mean? How do you feel when someone gets your name wrong?
- What are some of the names given to God in Scripture? What do they reveal about God's nature and God's character? Which one is most meaningful or helpful to you today in your relationship with God?
- Read Exodus 20:7. How is God's name misused and abused today? Why is the LORD our God so concerned about how we use his name? See also Psalm 66:1-4; 115:1; 138:2. What are ways we can use well the name of God?
- The first petition of the Lord's Prayer is traditionally rendered: "hallowed by Thy name." If possible, read Matthew 6:9-13 in several different translations, and note other variations of this phrase. Based on your understanding of the significance of God's name and the meaning of "hallowed," put this request into your own words.
- What would become different if God's name were routinely hallowed in your household? In your school or workplace? In our city? In our nation and world?
- Why does Jesus instruct us to start our petitions with "hallowed be your name"? How does this first request set the stage for and then influence the rest of our prayer? How would doing this change the way you pray?
- What is one way you can incorporate the Lord's Prayer into your spiritual practices this week (e.g., use as a framework for my daily prayers; recite repeatedly & meditatively throughout my day; focus on one petition each day through the week)? How can your small group support you in this practice?

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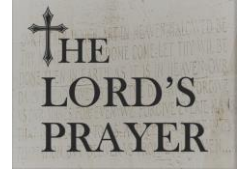
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