

ACTION STEP

We've read several Bible verses, heard two messages and discussed. It's time to put the words into action.

In what practical ways can you "hallow" God's name in your daily life, relationships, or decisions? Look over the message notes and Bible verses from the weekend and small group lessons if helpful.

What's one specific way you can display God's character qualities this week?

PRAYER

Ask how you can pray for one another this week. Then, close in prayer, mentioning each request and person before the Lord.

(Tip: Depending on the size of your group and time allowed, you may need to break up into "prayer squares" or "prayer triangles." — Groups of three or four within the group.)

Finish by reciting The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen."

Matthew 6:9-13

LIFE AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE

Week 1: The Prayer of Connection

For Small Group Meetings, September 14-20

ICE-BREAKER

Who is someone in your life who has strong character?

(Tip: You may have new people or some different people from last week... So, make sure everyone knows one another's names before moving forward.)

VIDEO NOTES

"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name"

— Matthew 6:9

Hallowed Be Your Name

What does hallowed mean?

Uniquely respected, loved and _____

What does "your name" mean?

A name meant someone's whole _____
and reputation

Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the **compassionate** and **gracious** God, **slow to anger**, **abounding in love** and **faithfulness**, ⁷ **maintaining love** to thousands, and **forgiving wickedness**, rebellion and sin. Yet he **does not leave the guilty unpunished**...

— Exodus 34:5-7 NIV

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in **the name** of the Lord our God.

— Psalm 20:7 NIV

The name of the Lord is a fortified tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe. — Proverbs 18:10 NIV

Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt **his name** together. — Psalm 34:3 NIV

I will show the holiness of **my great name**, which **has been profaned** among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. — Ezekiel 36:23 NIV

Jesus: “I have **manifested your name** to the people whom you gave me out of the world.” — John 17:6 ESV

If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you **bear that name**. — 1 Peter 4:16 NIV

¹ I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple.

² Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ They were calling out to each other,

“**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies!
The whole earth is filled with his glory!” — Isaiah 6:1-3 NLT

• God is not holy; God is _____

“**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord God, the Almighty—
the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”
— Revelation 4:8 NLT

SCRIPTURE READING

Read Psalm chapter 34

(Tip: Take turns reading one section at a time out loud. You may use your own Bible or the Bible section in the Rock Brook app. If you’re reading from various translations, don’t let that deter you. Hearing passages in various versions can provide additional insight.)

KEY QUESTION

How has your understanding of the phrase “hallowed be your name” changed after reading those Bible verses and watching the video?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Tip: Don’t feel pressured to discuss each question in this list. Feel free to select the questions that seem right for your group. It is not necessary to go around the circle before you move on to the next question. Give people the freedom to speak, but don’t insist on it. Your group will enjoy better discussion if people don’t feel pressured to answer each and every question.)

1. What does it mean to “hallow” something in your everyday life? Can you think of examples where you have treated something as treasured, set apart, or uniquely valued?
2. The lesson mentioned that sometimes God’s name is profaned or misrepresented. What are some ways people might do that today, and how can we avoid it?
3. Read Exodus 34:5-7 out loud. These are all aspects of God’s character that are part of his “name”. Do you see God in this way? What aspects of the character of God mentioned here resonate most with you? Which aspect have you grown in understanding?
4. Think back to the weekend sermon on God being Father, and the pendulum illustration in this small group lesson. How and why does “Our Father” and “Hallowed be your name” work together?
5. What else stood out to you from this week’s messages and Bible verses?