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COMMUNITY CHURCH

# THE *PERFECT* PRAYER

*7-Week Small Group Discussion*

*Based on the book of the same title by Pastor Jeff Daws*

## *sessionTHREE (Chapter 7)*

1. The second part of the Perfect Prayer (Lord's Prayer) is "Hallowed Be Thy Name" or in contemporary terms "Greatly Revered and Honored Be Your Name." This is a form of respect given to God after acknowledging him as our Father in Heaven. Consider that word, **hallow**. What does it mean to "hallow" the name of God?
2. All the way back in Exodus we are taught to never take God's name in "vain." What are some ways that people could take God's name in vain? (**Leader Note: This definition of the word vain means to be used uselessly. This may be very different from what your group members have always thought it meant.**)
3. What are a couple of examples of how you can respect the name of God?

4. Respecting God's name is also an acknowledgement of his power. After all, if God wasn't all-powerful there wouldn't be such a need to give the same level of respect that we do. What is an example of the power of God from your own life?
5. When Moses asked God what to call him, or what his name was, God replied by simply saying "I AM." There are no wrong answers here, but what do those words "I AM" tell you personally about who God is, and what his nature is like?
6. As a follower of Jesus, it's hard to think of the power of God with the respect that we have without getting a little excited about how much he loves us. Let's stop for a moment and Go before the Lord in acknowledgement of who he is and the gratitude we feel for his love for us.
7. Offering our praises to God is also a form of reverence and respect for who he is and all that he has done. What is your definition of praise?
8. What do you feel like are some of the benefits of praising God? List them both immediate and long-term.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

(Jesus said)

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"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.

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV