

**Community Group Growth Questions**

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday's message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. What is the significance of the little word "our" in Matthew 6:9? Who does the "our" include?
3. What forms of address do you most often use when you approach God in prayer? Do you think that how we address God is indicative of our personal understanding of who God is? Consider some of these names of God: Savior, Creator, Shepherd, Bread of Life, King of Kings, Lamb of God... What might we be saying about our view of who God is when we address God by His many names?
4. "Our Father in heaven" brings to mind both God's nearness (our Father) and His transcendence (in heaven). Do you tend to focus on God's nearness (beside us) or His transcendence (far from us) in prayer? How might a balance of these two views benefit us?
5. The words "hallowed be your name" can be interpreted both as a fact and as a petition – most scholars believe it to be a petition to be interpreted: "Cause Your name to be hallowed." What does "hallowed" mean? In what ways is God's name hallowed in the Christian life?

**Living on Mission**

1. If you are a child of God, meditate upon the truth that God is your Father. What are some of the privileges of being His son or daughter? What privileges do you have in prayer? Are you availing yourself of those privileges?
2. Are there any indications in your life that suggest that you are not entirely secure in your relationship with God as Father? Are you fearful or reluctant to approach your Father in heaven. What truths might enable you to draw closer in boldness? (Read John 1:11-12; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-16; 10:19-23; Romans 8:15-17)
3. In what ways does your daily life "hallow the name" of Jesus? Are there areas of your life that you are withholding from God – areas that don't bring Him glory? How is prayer the first step in destroying those things that don't hallow His name?
4. Spend a few moments in prayer, adoring God for His nearness to you as Father and His transcendence as the Most High God. Repent of anything that might defame His name in your life.

**This Week's Reading:**

Monday: Matthew 6:6-9, 7:11; Luke 11:2

Tuesday: John 1:11-12, Revelation 4:11; 5:12

Wednesday: Romans 8:14-17, Galatians 4:4-7

Thursday: Isaiah 64:8; 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Friday: John 17:3-10

Saturday: 1 Peter 3:15; 1 John 3:1-2

The Moldova Team leaves this Thursday, July 5. The team members are Pastor Richard Marsh, Daniel Cooper, Andy and Holly Joiner and Chris Goode. Please pray for the Moldova Team this week for our Missionaries' safety, that the Message is heard, the Movement of people hearts, and for Moldova and its people.

**Next Quarterly Membership Meeting** - Sunday July 22 - 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Comfort Inn - Aikens Center located at 1872 Edwin Miller Blvd in Martinsburg. Hor d'oeuvres will be served. Childcare to age five will be provided.

**Summer Movie Express** – CONNECT WITH US – Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the summer – email [daniel@martinsburgchurch.org](mailto:daniel@martinsburgchurch.org) to get involved.

**Student Community Group:** Meeting at Culbertson's Home – throughout the summer - Contact Justin at [justin.j.culbertson@gmail.com](mailto:justin.j.culbertson@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Interested in Membership?** Our next Gospel Class will be offered on Saturday, July 21. Email [tammy@martinsburgchurch.org](mailto:tammy@martinsburgchurch.org) to register.

**Baptism Celebration** is scheduled for Sunday, July 22. Sign up at [baptism.martinsburgchurch.org](http://baptism.martinsburgchurch.org) or call the church office at 304-596-9330 to register.

**Discipleship Opportunity: Sign Up in the Lobby Today!**

Men's Bible Study begins July 21 – Meets every other Saturday – Contact Ray Borden at [rtjml@msn.com](mailto:rtjml@msn.com) or Dan Edman at [dan@martinsburgchurch.org](mailto:dan@martinsburgchurch.org). Workbook needed.

**Pastor On Call:** If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg's Pastor on call.

**Missionary Toolbox:**

"The first thing that Jesus tells us to ask God to do – mark this! The first thing. The head of the list. Above all others. Most central. Most supreme. Most overarching. Most all-encompassing – the first thing he tells us to ask God to do is that God would cause his name to be hallowed. The first, and all-pervasive, all-influencing, all-controlling concern in prayer is to plead with God that God would make his name supremely valuable in the minds and hearts of people. The phrase 'hallowed be your name'... means 'cause your name to be hallowed.' It is a plea that God would do something about His name. It is a plea that God would cause it to be hallowed in our hearts and in the hearts of all people. And what does *hallowed* mean? It means literally *sanctified*. But what does that mean when it refers to the infinitely holy name of God? It means that we are praying that His name be set apart in people's hearts and minds and lives as the infinitely great and beautiful and valuable reality that it is. The first and overarching thing that we are told by Jesus to ask God to do is that God would exercise His jealousy for His name. That God would display the greatness of God. That God would make much of God. That God would overcome blindness to seeing God. That God would overcome indifference to God. That God would remove obstacles to knowing and admiring and loving and trusting and treasuring and obeying God. This is at the heart of what it means to be born again. Before we are born again, human beings are central in our mind and in our affections. God is not. The passion of God for the supremacy of God makes no sense and is positively offensive. But when we are born again, and our mental framework is renewed after the image of Christ, then when we hear Jesus tell us that the first thing we should pray for – and the petition that gives unity and depth and a magnificent scope to all our praying – is that God would make his name supreme in our hearts and in the affections of the world, we love these words. They fill us with a sense that we have a profound and wonderful calling. The calling to pray, and in our praying to move the mighty hand of God to act for the glory of his great name."

John Piper, "Pray Like This: Hallowed Be Your Name" (<http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/sermons/pray-like-this-hallowed-be-your-name>)