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**LORD'S
PRAYER**
STUDY GUIDE

Adoration: “Hallowed Be Your Name”

Matthew 6.5-15

WELCOME & SHARING

Share any announcements...

- Intro to New City Saturday, January 31st 8am-noon
- Discuss upcoming plans/meeting dates for your Community Group

Opener Question: If you had a pick a favorite “hallowed grounds” for you that you HAVE been to or that you’d LIKE to visit, what would it be? Where is your “hallowed ground”?

Intro: We're starting the year with a series on The Lord's Prayer. Perhaps no words have been repeated more in the history of the entire world. And yet the familiarity can serve to disconnect us from the meaning. For six weeks we are going to study the Lord's Prayer piece by piece.

STUDY/DISCUSSION

1. Have you been experimenting with praying the Lord's Prayer? What have you been doing? How's it been going?

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2. The word "hallowed" isn't use much these days; it's sort of an "old word." How would you explain to someone who asked you what "hallowed" means?
3. What are we really asking for when we pray that God's name would be honored as holy? How might God answer that prayer?
4. In Romeo & Juliet Shakespeare wrote: "'What's in a name? That which we call a rose / By any other name would smell as sweet.'" What's he's saying and do you agree or disagree? What IS in a name?
5. Pastor John Stott commented: "The *name* stands for the person who bears it, for his character and activity. So God's 'name' is God himself as he is in himself and has revealed himself to be." What greater significance does the word 'name' have biblically that is different than the way we name people/things? Can you think of any biblical examples where a name (or a name change) signifies something more significant than a brand or label change?
6. How can we get to know God's "name", that is, God's character as he ACTUALLY is and has revealed himself to be?
7. There were 3 possible applications from Sunday : (i) Pray the Lord's Prayer daily (and learn it, if you haven't already), (ii) start your prayer time with praise/adoration, after approaching God as Father, and (iii) Learn God's character. Which of these are you going to be working on this week and HOW are you going to be working on it? What have you done/used in the past that have helped you grow in these areas?

NOTE: a few resources to better get to know God's character are: (1) the Bible (duh) (2) *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer (3) *Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer.

PRAYER

Take some time to pray together as a group. This series is a great chance to be a little more quick with your discussions in order to leave more time for concentrated prayer at the end. We encourage you to use the Bookmarks we handed out on Sunday to help guide your prayer time. Close your time by praying The Lord's Prayer together.