

How to Pray: The Name
Matthew 6:9 and Psalm 67
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Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker

If you could rub a magic lamp and change something today, what would it be?

For most of my life, prayer for me was:

- In the same category as luck and wishes
- Only for those who were intellectually challenged, weird, or religious fanatics
- An occasional thing
- Part of my bedtime ritual
- A box I needed to check to stay in God's favor
- Something I thought little about
- An important part of my life
- Other: _____

Matthew 6:9 - Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, **hallowed be your name.**

Psalm 67

To the choirmaster:
with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

[1] May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
[2] that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
[3] Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! [
4] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
[5] Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
[6] The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
[7] God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him! (ESV)

Question: How is this prayer similar to the Lord's Prayer?

Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 101. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name, we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

Revered in the church

One of the ways we fail to revere God in the church is by fearing other people more than God or by making people bigger than God.

Question: Why is the fear of God something we avoid talking about?

- We like the happy friendly picture of God
- We don't really understand who God is
- We tend to think of God's love, but not his wrath
- We forget that He is all-powerful
- Other: _____

Do you think we should actually "fear God" or is this something different? Why or why not?

For Discussion: The fear of rejection can look different at different seasons of life. Share how you have felt the fear of rejection during each of these seasons of life:

- childhood
- teenage years
- young adult
- adult
- Other: _____

Question: What is the solution to the fear of others that is given to us in the Lord's Prayer?

Revered in the World

Question: What is the relationship between revering the name of God in the church and revering God in the world?

Question: Why do you think the world has trouble hallowing or reverting the name of God?

- Sin
- The church
- Problem of self
- They can't believe that God would allow Alabama to be this good at football.
- Other: _____

Something about God's character for which I want to express praise is:

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- 4] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
- [5] Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Question: What is the relationship between praising God and being glad and having joy in these verses?

Who in your life can you pray for like this?

- My family
- Neighbors
- Co-workers
- Classmates
- Other: _____

Matthew 6:9-13 ESV

[9] Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. [10] Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. [11] Give us this day our daily bread, [12] and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
