

The Lord's Prayer: 'Hallowed be your name' – Bible Study

Read:

Matthew 6:5-13

General question:

What stands out to you from this passage?

Further questions:

Our call to worship

1. Jesus calls us to lift our eyes up to God as we begin to pray. Do you find it easy to focus on God when you pray?
2. Is there a name of God (in the Bible) that you find particularly comforting or challenging? (Eg: Shepherd, King, Judge, Redeemer, Rock, Holy...).
3. Discuss a time you felt in awe of God.
4. What's one of your favourite worship songs or hymns that helps you lift your eyes to God? What is it about this song that you find so helpful?

Calling the world to worship

1. Do you find it easy or hard to pray for the world regularly?
2. What would it mean for the world to 'honour God's name' more?
3. Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the needs of the world? What can help us to keep praying if we feel this way?

Living lives of worship

1. Do you have a regular time of prayer? How have you seen this shape you over the years?
2. Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah in Matthew 15:8, "*These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*" Discuss what this could mean for you.
3. Is there an area of your life needing change that you feel God is putting his finger on at the moment? (You may not feel able to discuss what this is, but have a discussion about anything you feel comfortable sharing).

Response

- Perhaps spend some time in silence before God.
- Use a song, played in the background (or to sing), to lift your eyes to God.