

## Life Group Discussion Questions

**Sermon Series:** Pray Like Jesus

**Sermon Title:** Part 2 – How Do I Handle God's Name?

**Sermon Date:** 1-13-19

**Gospel Gain:** God's holiness invites us to honor His name.

### Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

What do you think this phrase means – ***Make a name for yourself?***

Matthew 6:9 says - ***Hallowed be your name...*** What do you think this phrase means to people in our world today? What percentage of people who recite the Lord's Prayer on a regular basis actually have an understanding of each phrase of this prayer?

### Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this series we desire to take a fresh look at a familiar prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples. The Lord's Prayer has much to teach us. Each week we will take a phrase of the prayer and seek to apply it to our daily life. Today's message is about honoring God's name.

***Matthew 6:9-13 - Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

Pastor Jon handed out a long list of Hebrew names for God. Which of those descriptions do you appreciate personally and why? When you see the different nuances of God's name on that list, what does that reveal about God's character?

**Read:** Exodus 20:7

What does this verse say about honoring God's name?

How well is this commandment obeyed in our world today?

How well do you think Christians honor this commandment?

How is the value of God's name reduced when His name is profaned?

**Read:** *Psalm 83:18* and *Psalm 111:9*

These verses encourage us to **proclaim** rather than **profane** the name of God.

In what ways can Christians proclaim the name of God in our conversations of daily life?

How can Christians raise the value of God's name by the words we use?

**Read:** *Psalm 34:1-3*

These verses encourage us to use God's name sacredly rather than carelessly.

How can we learn to be more intentional to show respect and reverence for God's name?

**Read:** *1 Kings 18:20-39*

This is an incredible battle between the prophets of Baal and Elijah.

Look again at the prayer of Elijah in verses 36-37. What is Elijah's desire in this prayer?

What are the results of this showdown?

What does verse 39 tell us about God's name?

**Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

How can we help one another show respect and reverence for God's name?

**Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.