

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments, as you feel necessary, to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

God’s Holy Name (February 8, 2026)

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

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- **Understanding the Importance of God’s Name**
- **Understanding the Meaning of God’s Name**
- **What We Are Praying When We Say “Hallowed Be Your Name”**

I. Understanding the Importance of God’s Name

- In the sermon, it was emphasized that “hallowed be your name” is the very first petition in the Lord’s Prayer. Why do you think Jesus placed this request first, before any of the “earthly” needs like daily bread or forgiveness?
- How does our attitude toward God’s name shape everything else in our prayer life and daily walk?
- **Read and discuss** the following quote.
 - *By placing this as the first petition of the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus was giving it a place of priority. He was saying that a proper attitude toward God’s name is the basis of everything, because how we live before God is determined by our attitude toward Him and our view of who He is. No worship, no adoration, and no obedience can flow from a heart that has no regard for the name of God. - R.C. Sproul.*
- The sermon referenced Exodus 3 (the burning bush) and how God revealed His name Yahweh, saying it would be remembered “throughout all generations”. How does seeing God’s name as tied to His entire reputation and glory change the way you think about saying “hallowed be your name”?

- **Read and discuss** the following two quotes:
 - (God's) supreme name was simply Yahweh... But this name is much more than a convenient way to address God. It represents God's entire reputation... God has made a name for himself in creation, and also in redemption. This was the whole point of the Exodus. God was saving a people for his glory. God brought Israel out of Egypt for the honor of his name. - **Philip Ryken**
 - There is an intimate link between God and his name. According to scripture, this link is not accidental or arbitrary but forged by God himself. We do not name God; he names himself... summed up in his name, therefore, is his honor, his fame, his excellencies, his entire revelation and his very being. - **Herman Bavink**

II. Understanding the Meaning of God's Name

- **Read Exodus 34:6-7.** Which of the attributes listed in these verses stands out most to you personally, and why?
- The sermon highlighted the tension or "dilemma" in God's name: He is 100% merciful (forgiving the guilty) and 100% just (not clearing the guilty). How does the cross resolve this tension?
- How does seeing both mercy and justice in God's name make Him more trustworthy?

III. What We Are Praying When We Say "Hallowed Be Your Name"

- How is proclaiming the gospel connected to God's name? Read Matthew 28:19 to help answer this question.
- How does the petition in the Lord's prayer (hallowed be your name) challenge or encourage you in your own involvement in evangelism or missions, even in small ways?
- The sermon connected this prayer to the third commandment ("You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain") and Romans 2:24 (where God's name is blasphemed because of His people's behavior). What are practical ways our daily lives—our words, actions, and choices—either honor or dishonor God's name?
- Where do you sense God calling you to greater holiness so that His name is "hallowed" through you?

- The sermon also mentioned that praying “hallowed be your name” is also a prayer for the return of Jesus, when every knee will bow and His name will be exalted above every name (Philippians 2:9–11). How does this future hope affect the way you pray this petition today?
- After hearing this sermon, how will you change or deepen the way you pray “hallowed be your name” in your personal prayer life? Share one specific step or adjustment you plan to make this week.

Announcements

GriefShare

Mondays | 4:30pm | Prayer Room

No matter the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful process. This is a special support group for people grieving the loss of someone close, led by people who understand what you’re experiencing and want to offer comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. Join anytime! See our website for more information.

Mexico Missions Awareness Trip

June 14th-June 20th

Join us as we serve alongside “Radius Serve” (formerly “Mexico Caravan Ministries”) to build “casitas” for needy families, visit an orphanage, and more. Sign up online for more information!

