

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*HALLOWED BE THY NAME*  
Matthew 6:9  
The Lord's Prayer — Week 2

**ICEBREAKER:** What's one fashion trend you hope never comes back? Which ones have come back that you wish hadn't?

**OVERVIEW:** Just about everyone knows the Lord's Prayer, but how many people actually understand each of its parts? If you don't understand the Lord's Prayer, then you can't pray it sincerely, and without sincerity your prayers will be ineffective. Perhaps the most misunderstood line in the Lord's Prayer is the first petition, "Hallowed be Thy Name." In this study we will go deeper with the meaning and application of this petition.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Scientific studies have pointed to the many health benefits of prayer, such as lowering cholesterol levels, decreasing headaches, and increasing lifespan. Do you believe these findings, and if so, why do you think prayer is good for your health?
3. Why is it important to pray the Lord's Prayer?
4. The Lord's Prayer can be divided into three parts. What are they?

5. Read Matthew 6:9. The first petition is "Hallowed be Thy Name." What is meant by God's "Name"?
6. What does the word "Hallow" mean?
7. What is the meaning of the petition "Hallowed be Thy Name?"
8. Why is this the first petition?
9. What do you need to do to better hallow God's name in your life?

**The Last Word:** The first petition teaches us to be God-centered instead of self-centered.