



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Before we start to pray, pause, and remember who you are praying to.

HEAD CHANGE: Let God's name be treated differently from all other names...let God's name be given a position which is absolutely unique.

HEART CHANGE: Prayer is more than you could ever imagine because God is so much beyond what you can conceive.

LIFE CHANGE: To honor God as holy above all and to know God as our Father.

OVERVIEW

Have you ever felt like prayer is for everyone, except for you, a normal person? Often when we pray, we expect God's voice to boom like thunder, but mostly, He whispers. We expect Him to wear tap dancing shoes that we can hear coming down the hall, but He tiptoes and hides from the crowd. We expect Him to be strange, but He comes to us disguised as our life. Prayer is far more normal than we realize. But the best way to start praying is to stop praying. To pause. To be still. To breathe easy and remember that God is God and we are not.

"Some boast in chariots and some in horse, but we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God"

-Psalm 20:7-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is it easy for you to think of God as "Father" when you approach Him in prayer? Why or why not? How does God being your Father change the way you pray?
2. After hearing this message, when you think about God's name being holy, how does that change the way you will pray?
3. The best way to start praying is actually to stop praying. To pause. To be still. To do this long enough to remember that prayer is more relational than transactional. How does it change the way you pray when you first reflect on who God is who you are in relationship to Him?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, you are God, and I am not. You love me more than I can imagine and you're greater than I may ever know on this side of heaven. Help me to honor you as Holy God above all and to know you as Father.

IN THIS TOGETHER!