

Hallowed be your name

Small group questions

Leaders: choose some, but not all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

1. Are there some areas of life where you find if you really slow things down and analyse them, you see another perspective?
2. Was there anything new for you from the message? Any questions?

In regard to the phrase *Hallowed be your name* we explored:

What the *words* mean

3. What does "hallowed" mean?
4. Why "hallow" a name?
5. What would you say to someone who throws a comment such as "Oh my God" into conversation?
6. Why is God an unsung hero in our culture today?
7. As Copernicus discovered the sun was central, so Christians have discovered _____.

What the *prayer* means

8. You have a problem or challenge or sickness. You want to pray about it. How will starting with asking for God to be honoured in your situation, change the way you pray and think about it?
9. JI Packer: "*Were we left to ourselves, any praying we did would start and end with ourselves, for our natural self-centredness knows no bounds*" Agreed? Why are we so caught up with ourselves?
10. John Stott: "*In the Christian counter-culture, our top priority concern is not our name, our kingdom, our will but God's, and whether we can pray these petitions with integrity is a searching test of the reality and depth of our Christian profession*". What will help reorientate ourselves so that our lives and our prayers revolve around God and not ourselves?
11. To pray 'hallowed be your name' should mean that we want our relationships, our plans and our life through the week to honour God. We should test all we do with the question "does it hallow God's name?" Discuss and share any way in which you find this challenging.
12. Praying this as a church will mean we'll put our heads together as a church and say 'how can we make the truth of God known? How can we publish the story of this unsung hero? Are there ways in which you consider our church can promote God's glory more effectively?

Take some time to ask that as we pray "hallowed be your name" so will all our plans, priorities, decisions, relationships bring honour and glory to God.