

# LEADER PAGE |SERIES| Heaven on Earth | WEEK 2 of 6 | Sermon date: August 29, 2021

Discipleship Phrase: His kingdom over mine. Big Idea for Series: On earth as it is in Heaven.

#### Abiding (grow as a disciple yourself)

The principle of abiding is simple, yet it's not always easy. Especially when it comes to this week's topic. This week we continue our series on the Lord's prayer and as we do, we're taking a closer look at Jesus' words, "hallowed be your name". What does that mean to you personally? How are you doing with keeping the Lord's name, hallowed? What does that even look like? For the Jews it looks like Kiddush HaShem, the act of brining honor and respect to God's name. As Christians today, we must assess how we're doing with that in our own lives.

#### Leading (facilitate your group effectively)

While leading this week, pay extra attention to a couple of things. 1) You're posture. As crazy as it sounds, it's communicating something. What it is saying, is up to us. Does your posture say, I'm wish I were somewhere else right now, OR does it say, I care about you and what you're expressing? Hopefully the latter, but how can we communicate that well? Maintain direct eye contact, make statements that let the person know you're listening, and finally, physically lean in closer. 2) Ask follow up questions. Really seek to understand, not just what someone is saying, but why they feel that way. Attempt to find the heart behind the statement, the why behind the what. Our group members are people, real people with real lives, and real hurts but as a church body we're seeking to go from brokenness to wholeness. Help foster in that heart that God has for us. As an intentional leader, what you do matters.

#### Shepherding (know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)

During our group discussion time this week, we'll be sharing some ways that we perhaps "take the Lord's name in vain". Be mindful this week, as you cover the guidelines, to really stress the guideline of No Fixing or Rescuing. When we've done our job as intentional leaders, we've created a relational environment that is conducive to transparency and sharing from a heart level and not just a head level. As our groups do this, we grow together in deeper relationships, which means we really care for one another, and we are not comfortable seeing others uncomfortable. However, when we step in to make someone instantly feel better about what they've shared, we can rob that person of a chance for the Holy Spirit to work through our messes. Be attentive as your group talks through question 2. We're asking one another to vulnerably share areas where we all fall short of keeping God's name hallowed and not in vain. Shepherd well by protecting that space for everyone.

#### **<u>Church Announcements</u>** (be in the know & share with your group)

Ladies, The Gathering is back! The first one will be September 9, 2021, from 7-8:30 PM in room 251. Click <u>here</u> to register!

#### **REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader**



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**Welcome/Introductions** (creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone)

**Open in Prayer** (kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (choose one that is best for your group this week)

Weekly Vision Checklist (See Flipbook re: announcements, the "why", goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching)

**Ask a Hook Question** (a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction) How much school spirit did you have when you were in school?

**Recap the Message** (ask a *couple* people to share what stood out to them in this week's message)

Scriptures References (Read scriptures directly from the Bible—it carries its own authority) Exodus 6:6-7 (ESV), Exodus 19:3-6 (ESV), 1 Peter 2:9 (ESV), Exodus 20:7 (ESV), Matthew 6:7-13 (ESV), 1 Samuel 17:1-16 (ESV), 1 Samuel 17:23-27 (ESV), 1 Samuel 27:40-47 (ESV), Galatians 5:25-26 (ESV)

#### **Implications** (takeaways from the message)

- 1. We hallow God's name when we stand in the gap for those who cannot stand for themselves.
- 2. We hallow God's name when we act like we belong to Him.

Galatians 5:25-26(ESV)

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

- 3. We hallow God's name when we honor our commitments to him.
- 4. We **hallow** God's name when we give our lives to making earth look more and more like heaven.

### **Discussion Questions** (going beyond the surface)

- 1. Read Exodus 20:7 out loud. What has this meant to you in the past? How did you come to believe that?
- 2. There are many ways that we "take the Lord's name in vain". What's your biggest struggle when it comes to this? (see the Shepherding section of the Leader page for more context)
- 3. Share some ways that you, personally, can do better at putting our God on display this week?
- 4. How might we, as a group, be able to really make earth look a little more like Heaven?

Prayer Requests (record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.)

**Closing Prayer** (ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly)