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PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you that we are able to recognise the power of your name. Under the sound of your name, everything needs to bow, because there is power in your name over all darkness and death and it's in this name we pray, Jesus Christ, AMEN

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

If you could change your name, what would that name be and why?

NOTES

WORD

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father...

[PHILIPPIANS 2:4-11](#)

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he taught them to pray in recognition of the name of God the Father, who is to be HALLOWED, which means to be revered and honoured.

The name of God as Jesus and his contemporaries would reference in the context of prayer is, "YHWH", which is the unmentionable name of God. This name is unmentionable because of how holy and sacred it is. One has to wonder whether the same reverence for the name of God is still held in today's day in age. His name is to be revered and held as holy, because it belongs to an all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present sovereign God. The beauty of this is that prayer is relational communing with this amazing God. To know that God is altogether worthy of our worship, should therefore affect the way we commune with him.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how would you rate your recognition of God's holiness and sacredness in your life? Why do you rate it this way?
2. Do you hold God in the highest regard? If so, how do you show it? If not, why might this be?

3. In the Philippians passage above, Jesus emptied himself for us that we might be fulfilled in him. He holds ultimate power, yet gives it away to save us. How might we take the power we have to serve and save others?
4. According to Philippians, "at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Have you bowed and confessed with your life that Jesus is Lord? If not, would you like to? If you have, how does this show in your life?

PRAYER LIST