

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT IF I HALLOWED GOD'S NAME?

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God reveals his character through his names. This week Pastor Miles talked about God's primary names shared in Scripture:

Elohim: (El) Plural of El or God; the strong one

Yahweh: the self-existent one; "I AM THAT I AM." (When you see LORD in all capitals in the Bible, it refers to the name Yahweh)

Yahweh Elohim: The Lord is God

Adonai: Master, Lord

In today's study we'll discuss God's revealed character and practice worshiping him in prayer for his names.

MEMORY VERSES

"LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way."

(1 Kings 8:23)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Think of someone that you respect and would go to for wise counsel. What character traits do they possess that make you trust them and seek them out?

STUDY QUESTIONS

→ Read 1 Kings 8:22-24

- What truths about God did Solomon affirm in these verses?
- Which of God's character qualities or promises are the most important to you at this point in your life?
- How can praying God's specific names to reflect his character and reputation help you in your life?



Solomon began his prayer reflecting on God's faithfulness to His people. The more we know and trust God, the more we will want to communicate with Him in prayer. Like Solomon, we can be motivated to pray by reflecting on the Lord's uniqueness and His faithfulness in keeping His promises.

→ **Read 1 Kings 8:27-28**

- Is the Lord any more present with you when you are at Sunday worship service than at any other time or place? Explain.
- What did Solomon request of God in verse 28?
- Do you think it is necessary to ask, as Solomon did, that God listen to and hear your prayers? Why or why not?

The word "petition" may bring to mind lists of prayer requests. Actually, this word is more a cry for God's mercy than a request for healing or blessing. In Hebrew, this word for petition is related to the word for mercy. We can come confidently to the Lord and ask Him to hear our prayers. God always hears us, no matter where or when we pray, and He is constantly at work in our lives, even during the times when He might seem to be silent.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Exercise: List the names of God that you remember – what character attribute of God does each describe? (can you share a Scripture that uses that name?)

Prayer: Each person practice praying a name of God and worshiping him for the attributes that his name describes

TAKE IT HOME!

- Pray the names of God from the sermon in your daily prayers this week:
 - **Elohim:** (El) Plural of El or God; the strong one. *Genesis 1, Exodus 18:11*
 - **Yahweh:** "I AM THAT I AM." *Exodus 3*
 - **Yahweh Elohim:** The LORD is God
 - **Adonai:** Master, Lord
- Record in a journal when you see the character of God revealed to you this week
- Continue to spend 15 minutes in prayer each day this coming week, praying through the AWCIPA prayer model

