

STUDENT STUDY GUIDE

SESSION 3 – HOLY IS YOUR NAME

Seeing the Character of God Revealed Through His Name

SESSION FOCUS

After teaching us to begin prayer with relationship, Jesus immediately turns our attention toward **worship**. The words “*Holy is Your name*” invite us to pause and acknowledge who God is before focusing on ourselves.

This session explores how recognizing God’s holiness reshapes prayer—from something centered on our needs into an act of reverence, trust, and alignment with God’s character.

OPENING REFLECTION

Before reading, pause and reflect honestly.

What words would you use to describe God?

How often does worship shape your prayers?

When you pray, what usually holds your attention first?

(You may want to write a few notes before moving on.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Read **Matthew 6:9–13** slowly.

As you read, pay attention to:

- The order of the prayer
- What comes before any requests
- How the prayer centers on God

Do not rush. Notice what feels unfamiliar or challenging.

KEY IDEA

Prayer begins not with us, but with **God’s character**.

When Jesus teaches us to pray “*Holy is Your name*,” He invites us to recognize God’s holiness—His otherness, goodness, and worthiness of worship.



PART 1: FROM RELATIONSHIP TO WORSHIP

After naming God as Father, Jesus moves immediately into reverence.

Reflection Questions

- Why do you think worship comes before requests?
- How does this order shape the rest of the prayer?
- What does it reveal about what matters most in prayer?

Personal Notes:

PART 2: WHAT DOES “HOLY” MEAN?

Holiness speaks to God’s character—His purity, faithfulness, and uniqueness.

Reflection Questions

- What images or ideas come to mind when you hear “holy”?
- How is holiness different from moral perfection alone?
- How does God’s holiness affect trust?

Personal Notes:

PART 3: THE MEANING OF GOD’S NAME

In Scripture, a name represents identity and character.

Reflection Questions

- Why does honoring God’s name matter?
- How does knowing God’s character shape prayer?
- What happens when prayer ignores who God is?

Personal Notes:

PART 4: WORSHIP SHAPES DESIRE

Worship re-centers prayer and reshapes what we ask for.

Reflection Questions



- How does worship change perspective?
- Why can it be hard to pause before asking?
- What desires are reshaped when prayer begins with awe?

Personal Notes:

PART 5: HOLINESS AND NEARNESS

God is both holy and close.

Reflection Questions

- How do you hold together reverence and relationship?
- Where do you tend to emphasize one over the other?
- How does Jesus help keep both in balance?

Personal Notes:

LOOKING FORWARD: PRACTICING WORSHIP IN PRAYER

As you continue this study:

- What would it look like to begin prayer with worship?
- How might naming God's character change your prayers?
- What is one simple way you can pause before asking?

Personal Response:

CLOSING PRAYER

Take a moment to pray—silently or aloud—for:

- Greater awareness of God's holiness
 - A heart shaped by worship
 - Openness to seeing God more clearly
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OPTIONAL TAKE-HOME PRACTICE

This week:



- Begin prayer by naming one aspect of God's character
- Pause before making requests
- Notice how worship shapes your focus

Ask yourself: **What changes when prayer begins with who God is?**

FINAL THOUGHT

Prayer does not start with asking.

It starts with seeing.

Before we speak about our lives,

Jesus invites us to acknowledge **God's holiness**.

Let worship shape the way you pray.

