



**Reverence and Relationship**  
Discussion Guide | Jan 12, 2020  
Matthew 6:9  
**Questions for Study and Discussion**

\*\* Before you begin, please read Matthew 6:5-13 (these questions will focus on Matthew 6:9)

1. Why is good communication important for any healthy, growing relationship? How does this help you understand the value of prayer?
2. In his book *A Praying Life*, Paul Miller says "Oddly enough, many people struggle to learn how to pray because they are focusing on praying, not on God." Why is it important to remember WHO we're praying to? What difference does this make in prayer?
3. What does Matthew 6:9 say about WHO we're praying to? What stands out to you most about this?
4. How should God as Father influence how you approach Him in prayer? (Want to dig into this a little more? Check out Romans 8:15-16.)
5. In your own words, summarize what Jesus means when he says, "...hallowed be your name."
6. Why is it important to keep in mind BOTH that God is our Father (inviting relationship) and that God is holy (emphasizing reverence)? What can happen if we only focus on one of these, and neglect the other?
7. How does the gospel - what Jesus has done for us on the cross - make it possible for us to approach a holy God with confidence, and relate to Him as a perfect Heavenly Father?
8. What have you learned from Matthew 6:9 that motivates your habit of prayer?
9. What have you learned from Matthew 6:9 that can make a practical difference in your prayer life?
10. End your group time in prayer - thanking God that you can approach Him as a perfect Father, and reverently acknowledging His holiness and greatness.