



## Week 1: Our Father

**Series Passage:** Matthew 6:9-14

**Focus for the Week:** Matthew 6:9

### **Discussion Guide:**

Prayer is one of the most important parts of the Christian life. If we are not in communication with God, how can we grow in our relationship with and understanding of Him? Prayer is central that Jesus himself took the time to give us an outline of how to pray; the Lord's Prayer.

**Pray together:** Matthew 6:9-14

This week we will be looking at the first words of this prayer, "Our Father." How we address others is always an indicator of the relationship we have with them.

**Q:** What are the different terms, nicknames, or titles, that we use to address the various people in our lives?

**Q:** How does your relationship with the person affect how you call them?

**Q:** What are the different ways that you, or you've heard, people open up prayers with?

A.W. Tozer, in his book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, writes "What comes to mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

**Q:** What comes to mind when we think about God?

**Q:** What experiences in your life have helped inform your answer?

In the Lord's Prayer, we address God as "Our Father."

**Q:** How does addressing God in this way feel to you?

**Q:** What implications are there for us when we call God "Our Father?"

### **Finishing Well**

**Read:** Galatians 3:23-4:7

Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit working within us, we are able to call God "Our Father." This is the greatest privilege we have, so let us, with joy and praise, boldly proclaim in our prayers, "Our Father, hallowed be your name."

### **Close in Prayer**