



**8-WEEK STUDY ON
COMMONLY MISUNDERSTOOD
BIBLE PASSAGES**

**WEEK 4
IN JESUS' NAME**



TWISTED



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: John 14:13-14; John 15:15; John 16:23

Secondary text from this week: Matthew 6:9-13; John 17:1-5; Matthew 26:36-39

Read ahead for next week: Matthew 5:1-12

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To properly understand what Jesus was teaching His disciples about prayer when He taught them to **pray in His name**.

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: If you had one million dollars and could use it to buy anything, what would you buy?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How did you learn to pray? Who taught you, or who was your primary example?

2. Think of a time in your life that you have prayed for something and God did not answer the way you prayed. What was that experience like?

3. Re-read Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (remember, this was the night He was arrested and beaten before being crucified) in **Matthew 26:39 and 26:42**. How does it feel to realize that God did not give Jesus what He asked for in prayer?

4. After this week's message, how has your understanding of praying in Jesus' name shifted?

5. Think about Pastor Doug's challenge at the end of this week's message: "do your prayers sound more like a worship song or more like a Christmas list?" How would you describe your typical prayers?

6. Read the Lord's Prayer in **Matthew 6:9-13**. How much of the prayer is devoted to praise? How much is devoted to requests?

5. Pastor Doug mentioned the idea of using **Psalms** to help us find language to glorify God with in our prayers. Take five minutes and skim through a few of the Psalms (literally, just start anywhere in Psalms) and find some new worship language to use in your prayers.
