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Week two - "Hallowed"

Matthew 6:9-10 and Exodus 3:1-15

Bottom line: Jesus makes the ordinary holy, and the holy knowable...on earth as it is in heaven.

- 1. Where have you been that you would describe as "hallowed" or "sacred" ground? What made it feel that way?
- 2. What situations have you been in that felt holy or sacred?
- 3. Read Exodus 3:1-15
 - a. God encounters Moses in an extraordinary way in the midst of what was otherwise a very ordinary day. What was Moses doing when he came across the burning bush?
 - b. Why did God tell Moses to take off his sandals? What is something you would compare to "taking off shoes" in today's world? How do we treat things or places as holy?
 - c. The bush was just a bush, and the ground was just dirt Moses had walked on before? What made it holy ground?
 - d. How does God identify himself to Moses? Who does He say that He is?
- 4. Jesus taught the disciples to start praying by saying, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name." (Matthew 6:9)
 - a. Why is it significant that Jesus tells us to call God "our Father?"
 - b. How can God be both personal and knowable and still "hallowed?"
- 5. Jenn said that Jesus makes the ordinary holy and the holy knowable. How have you experienced either (or both) of those to be true?
- 6. How can you make the most of your access to God this week?

7. How can you practice adoration in your relationship with God, even if it's "defiant adoration" (Tyler Staton, chapter 3 of "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools")

If your group is reading "Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools," please take time to share any additional thoughts from chapter three of the book. How have you engaged the "practice" at the end of the first three chapters?