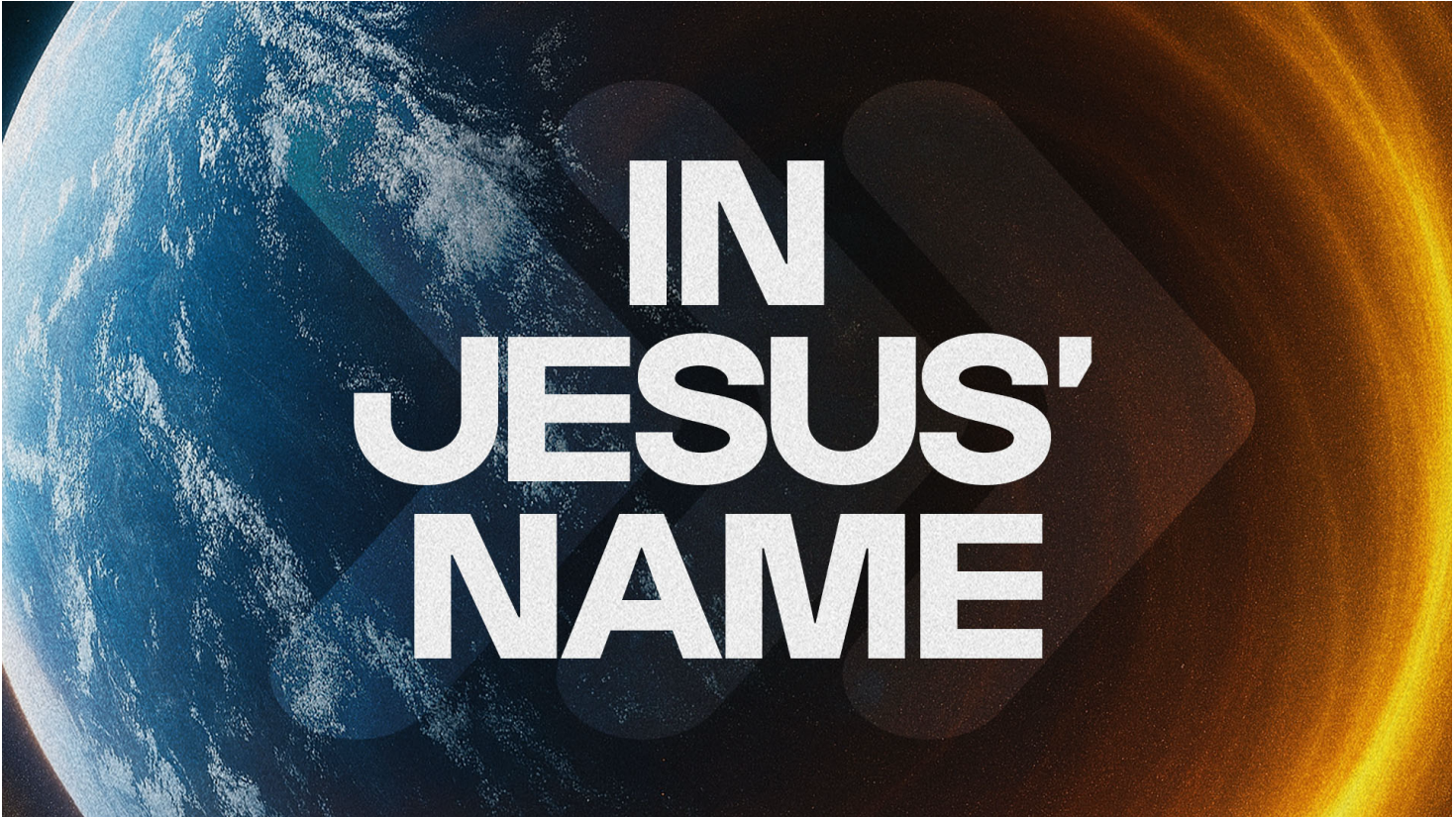




IN JESUS' NAME

Week 1

The Personal Altar

This Week's Reading

Chapters 1-4 (pages 3 - 74)

**Reading does not have to be completed before meeting as a group but should be completed within each week.*

Overview

John 14:12-14

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

In Jesus' Name: for he who believes; When we do the work of Jesus – we see a greater impact; Ask anything In Jesus Name!

The Prayer Altar: The Altar is where we connect to God's throne room and His power through prayer.

There are 5 Altars of Prayer that we will cover in this series: Personal, Core, Community, Healing, Salvation

The Personal Altar

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

“Many times the louder the public prayer is a sign of lack of private prayer.” DL Moody

1. The Altar is a place of death to self

“An unwillingness to die to ourselves inevitably stunts our relationship with God, our willingness to pray to Him, and our desire to be with Him.” **Pastor Rick Dubose**

2. The Altar is a place of surrender to God

3. Altars are a place to connect to God’s power and presence

Application to our Personal Prayer Life

Steps to developing a personal prayer culture (reference page 163 of the book for more in-depth discussion around each step):

1. Decide when you will pray.
2. Decide where you will pray.
3. Start with the Bible.
4. Keep a journal or a prayer note
5. Learn to pray the Lord’s prayer (Matthew 6:9-15)

Prayer Requests

Take prayer requests and pray for one another.

Next week’s reading: Chapter 5 (pgs 75 – 88)