

Teach Us to Pray: Hallowed Be Your Name

As preached on Sunday, September 6th

Read: Luke 11:1-4

1. It's important at the outset that we understand what is meant by "name" in v.2. How would you define "name" as it appears there?
2. Does someone's reputation always match the reality of who they are? How might the relationship between reputation and reality be significant in considering God's name in this world?
3. Does God's reputation in this world match the reality of who he is? Why? Why not?
4. The word "hallow" is "hagiazō" in the Greek language used in the original manuscript of Luke. As it's conjugated in v.2 it means "to make holy, to set apart as holy, or to treat as holy." If we're to understand this as a prayer request rather than a statement of reality, how would you rephrase "hallowed be your name" in your own words?
5. Pastor and theologian John Piper suggests four ways that a Christian can engage in the work of hallowing God: Trust him (Nu.20:12), Fear him (Is.8:12-13), Obey him (Lev.22:31-32), and Glorify him (Lev.10:3). Take a moment to read through these texts. Can you see the connection between a believer's behavior and God's holiness?
6. How responsible are we, as followers of Christ, for God's reputation in this world? Have you ever been guilty of "blaspheming God's name" as Paul mentions in Romans 2:24?
7. Have you ever had the chance to "hallow God's name" by your trust, fear, or obedience? Explain.
8. When we pray "hallowed be your name" there is both a personal dimension to that prayer and a worldwide dimension. God desires to be regarded as holy in each of our personal lives and in the lives of all of humanity. How can your Faith Family support you in seeking both?