



WEEK 2: IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU

Ice Breaker: Do a 'show & tell' of the last photo you took on your phone (if appropriate!).

*This week, we heard that “it’s not about you”. Instead, it’s “hallowed be **your** name, **your** kingdom come, **your** will be done...”. Yet often times, our prayers - and our whole lives - become about us. We put ourselves the throne of our hearts, rather than God. What we discover, though, is that we find real life only when **God** is on that throne. Learning to pray like Jesus taught us helps us get that right.*

Getting Started.

- Who is a neighbor who you should start praying for? How is it difficult to pray for them?
- In what ways do you find it difficult to “start a conversation” with God?
- On Sunday, we heard about Chen Si and the bridge in China. Talk about someone who inspires you by the way they serve others and make it “not about” them.

Read Matthew 6:9-13. Focus on 9c-10 (“...name...kingdom...will...”).

Hallowed be your name:

- Is there a ‘name’ for God that means more to you than others? Why?
- If you were to first focus on God’s ‘name’ and character in prayer, how would it change your perspective going into prayer?

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven:

- God’s Kingdom is wherever God’s rule is known and realized - where his will is done. Where have you seen God’s kingdom come “on earth as it is in heaven”?
- What do you think of when you think of “God’s will”?
- In practice, what could it mean to pray that God’s kingdom come and will be done, rather than your own? Give an example of what that might look like for your own prayers.
- How can praying like this change you? How has it changed you already?

It’s Not About You.

- Where do you get caught thinking God is merely a “heavenly grandfather”?
- Adam and Eve (Genesis 2-3) made it about them by caring more about the fruit on the tree than about what God said. What’s the ‘fruit’ that currently has your attention?
- How do you need to allow God to have his rightful place on “the throne of your heart”?
- Have you ever experienced praying for someone else and seeing God’s response? Share.

LET’S PRAY!

What’s an area of life that you’ve made about you?

We want to help you make it about God instead.

For today’s meeting, break up into small groups of men and women, share some answers to the question above, and pray for one another. Remember, this week we are praying for our neighbors. Don’t forget to pray for that too (tonight, and all week!) [#PARKPRAYS](#)