

Leaders:

1. Please read the 2<sup>nd</sup> page to find out about a great way for your small group to be generous this Thanksgiving, and for an opportunity to serve families in need on November 17<sup>th</sup>
2. Remember, December is "off" which means no small group questions are being made.

### **LEARN**

Read Matthew 6:9. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon as helpful and/or challenging?

What does it mean that God is "Our Father in heaven"?

(Adoption through Jesus, invitation to intimacy, awareness that he is transcendent and reigns.)

Read Exodus 34:5-7. What is the significance of God proclaiming his name?

(God had to reveal his name for us to know him. This is God's definition of his character and activity toward mankind.)

### **PRACTICE**

Do you ever struggle to come to God as your Father in heaven? If so, why, and how can we overcome those struggles with God's help?

(3 reasons from Sunday: our sin, our doubts, our hang up with the word "Father".)

How do you need God to hallow his name in your own life?

(Examples could include increasing time devoted to prayer, greater intimacy with God as Father, asking God to enlarge your view of him so as not to only seek your needs but worship him in prayer.)

If your last 3 months of prayer were recorded and played back to you, would you hear a big vision of who God is, or only a small focus on your current needs?

Group prayer suggestion: Spend 10-15 minutes asking God to help you celebrate that he is your perfect Father, rejoice that he is King over all, and ask him to hallow his name in your life, our church, and throughout the world.

### **CHANGE**

How is your prayer life being affected through this sermon series thus far? What is something you want to commit to praying for more earnestly over the next month?

(Leaders: Consider assigning prayer partners amongst the men/women for the month of November, to commit to pray for *one another* in their requests for growth in prayer)

# Thanksgiving Generosity / Service Opportunity

We are partnering with Youth For Christ to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. These are families that Youth For Christ is involved with on a regular basis, ministering to their middle and high school students. The goal is to provide the ingredients for a full and delicious Thanksgiving meal, with the family knowing it comes from people who love Jesus and love them too.

We're asking every small group to collect any amount of money they are able and put it together, then have one person in the small group send a check directly to Youth For Christ. Mail the check to:

Youth For Christ  
PO Box 156  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

**Please email Justin Waffird – [jwaffird@yahoo.com](mailto:jwaffird@yahoo.com)** - Director of YFC's program in West Sac, to inform him of the amount your small group is sending. This will help him shop appropriately ahead of time. **All funds need to be mailed by November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Want to go one step further? We are in need of about 20 people to volunteer on the morning of Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the West Sac YFC center. Whether it's your entire group or a few of you, please email our Pastoral Intern, Charley Maxey – [cmaxey@harvestsacramento.net](mailto:cmaxey@harvestsacramento.net) – and let him know you want to help. The approximate time is 9am – 12pm and you will be involved with bagging the ingredients and delivering them to the families. Charley will provide more information to those who sign up as the date gets closer.

Thank you for considering how you can help in this great endeavor to spread the love of Christ and help YFC minister to these families!