



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - November 10, 2024

## What's Your Relationship with the Father? Matthew 6:8-10

### I. Prayer is Relational Dependence

A. Praying to your FATHER

B. Praying to your Father IN HEAVEN

### II. Prayer is Prioritized Dependence

A. Father, sanctify Your Name

B. Father, sanctify Your child

C. Father, bring Your Rule (Salvation)

D. Father, bring Your Will (Conformity)

*Life Group Study Notes*

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1. How often do you speak with your earthly father? What are (or where) those conversations like? How do they parallel or deviate from your time in prayer with your heavenly Father?
2. Have you considered that experiencing God as your Father is the greatest privilege of the Christian life? Why do you think we often forget this or highlight some other aspect of Christianity as more meaningful?
3. What is the danger of forgetting that God is our Father IN HEAVEN? What does this mean about His reverence and His sufficiency in our communication with Him?
4. What does it mean to "hallow" the name of the Father? Give an example.
5. Why is the hallowing of God's name the most important thing we could every pray? What is the impact of this prayer in our own lives?
6. If we want to reverence God's name, then we must strive to know His Son and model our lives after Him. What are some of the ways we do this?
7. What is the "kingdom?" What are we asking God to do when we pray for His kingdom to come?

8. The kingdom of God comes through the conformity of His children to His will. Why is the will of God such a hard reality to embrace? How should God's sovereignty bring us closer to Him?