



ANSWERS: Unit 3: Christian Leadership

How to positively influence the attitudes and actions of others for Jesus Christ.

Lesson 9 The Name

Day One Family Honor

1. If you have ever had a nickname, share it, how it come about, and who still uses it?

Personal Answer

Read 1 Peter 4:16 and answer questions 2–4:

However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. 1 Peter 4:16 (Bear in this context means to carry or be marked by.)

2. As a believer, what name does one bear?

Christian

3. What name do *you* bear?

Personal Answer but hopefully Christian

4. If you suffer because you are a Christian, what should you do?

Not be ashamed, but praise God that we bear that name.

Read Galatians 5:22–25 and answer questions 5–6:

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.* ²⁵*Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* Galatians 5:22–25*

5. What are some personal characteristics of those who belong to Christ and carry this name (v. 22–23)?

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

6. Choose one of the above characteristics you have listed in #5, known as the fruit of the Spirit, and share how this trait has developed since you have been a Christian.

Personal Answer

7. Read Psalm 23:3b and fill in the blank. God guides me along the right paths for His _____ **name's** _____ sake.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3b

Read Ezekiel 20:9 and fill in the blanks in question 8:

But for the sake of my name, I brought them out of Egypt. I did it to keep my name from being profaned in the eyes of the nations among whom they lived and in whose sight I had revealed myself to the Israelites. Ezekiel 20:9

8. God says, “But for the sake of my _____ **name** _____ I brought them out of _____ **Egypt** _____. I did it to keep my from being _____ **name** _____ from being _____ **profaned** _____ in the eyes of the nations among whom they lived and in whose sight _____ **I** _____ had _____ **revealed** _____ myself to the Israelites.”

9. Can you share a time when God extended grace to you in a difficult situation in which you were about to fail His name?

Personal Answer

10. What did you learn through the difficult situation you shared in question 9?

Personal Answer

Accountability: Be prepared to share your questions 9–10 with your discipleship team next week.

Read Ephesians 5:1–2 and answer questions 11–12:

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:1–2

11. Whose example are we to follow (v. 1)?

God

12. How did our model, Jesus Christ, live a life of love (v. 2)?

Jesus died willing to pay for our sins. He gave His life to save ours.

Action Steps

13. *Prayerfully* consider how you might live a life of love *today* or *tomorrow* just as Christ Jesus did. Make notes as needed.

Personal Answer

14. From your prayer above in #13, share how the Holy Spirit led you and the results, noting how your actions honored God's name.

Personal Answer

Accountability: Be prepared to share your Action Step 14 with your discipleship team.

—End Day One—

Day Two

Righteous is His Name

15. As a leader who others will look to and emulate or imitate, ask yourself, “What can *I* do to elevate the name Christian to a higher and holier standard?” Write your answer below.

Personal answer, but here are a few suggestions: pray for grace to be set apart (holy), walk in the Spirit, read and study the Bible for personal character development, give Christ credit for good works, and work with God in crucifying the sinful nature or flesh.

Read Psalm 99:1–3 and answer questions 16–17:

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. ²Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. ³Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy. Psalm 99:1–3

16. Who is to praise LORD's great and awesome name (v. 1, 3)?

The nations, hence, everyone

17. How do *you* praise the LORD and His great and awesome name?

Personal Answer

Read Philippians 2:9–11 and answer questions 18–21:

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:9–11

18. What is the name that will cause every knee to bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth at the judgment seat (v. 10)? (Cf. Romans 14:9–11)

Jesus Christ

For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"
Romans 14:9–11

19. Do you bow down to Jesus as Lord in *your* life? Yes No Sometimes (Underline One)

Personal Answer

20. Explain your answer to question 19 about whether or not *you* bow down to Jesus as Lord:

Personal Answer

21. If you are having difficulty in bowing and serving the Lord in any area of your life, pray and pray together with your discipleship team for Jesus' help.

Accountability: Be prepared to share your answers 18–21 and pray with your discipleship team.

22. Read Psalm 48:10. Praise for God and His name reaches the ends of the earth because His right hand is filled with:

Righteousness

Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness. Psalm 48:10

23. If you or your neighbor were to set the standard of what is right and correct, do you think there would be some bias (prejudice) in that standard? Yes No (Underline One)

Although personal answer, nobody could set a standard with no bias and never to be tempted to change it. We justify our actions all the time, especially to God.

24. Do you think either you or your neighbor might be tempted to adjust or alter that standard according to changing feelings or situations? Yes No (Underline One)

25. As a Christian leader, how would you respond to a new Christian who said, “It doesn’t matter what I do, it isn’t hurting anyone.”

We need to consider how our actions affect God. He sets the standard for righteousness and when we miss that standard we have disobeyed Him. This is sin and displeases God. It matters a great deal to God what we do.

26. As a Christian leader, how would you respond to professed Christians living together in a sexual relationship before marriage?

In love and with their best interests at heart explain that the gift of sex is God-given and to be enjoyed only between a husband and a wife in marriage. Sexual immorality, including premarital sex (fornication), is considered wicked in God’s eyes (1 Corinthians 6:9–10, 12–20).

Homosexuality is wrong and not right under any circumstances even if governments approve of such arrangements and call it marriage (Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:18–32).

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:12–20 "Everything is permissible for me"— but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"— but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"— but God will destroy them both. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Leviticus 18:22 "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

Romans 1:18–32 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities— his eternal power and divine nature— have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. ²¹ For

although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.²⁸ Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;³¹ they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

In addition, the marriage bed is to be kept pure (Hebrews 13:4). Adultery is wrong and even looking on another lustfully breaks God's standard of righteousness (Matthew 5:27–28).

Note: Ignorance of God's laws is not an excuse to sin. Christians are urged to know God's word and will (Psalm 119:11, 2 Timothy 2:15, Joshua 1:8, Romans 12:2 and many others). Everyone will be held responsible for their sins but if a person truly sins in ignorance, he will not be treated as harshly (Luke 12:47–48).

Luke 12:47–48 "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows.⁴⁸ But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

From Lesson: All of these sins that miss God's standard can be forgiven and overcome in the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 6:11, Galatians 5:16–18). God wants to help us control our bodies and live a righteous life (1 Thessalonian 4:3–6). Learn to control your mind and heart, the source of evil thoughts and sexual immorality are birthed (Matthew 15:19–20). The Holy Spirit empowers and enables victory (Romans 8:9, 13–14, 2 Peter 1:3).

27. What is wrong with an arbitrary (subjective, random) standard of righteousness?

People would never know right from wrong. The standard could change depending on random or chance circumstances. Impossible to follow.

Read Psalm 7:17 and answer questions 28–29:

I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High. Psalm 7:17

28. Do you thank the LORD because of His righteousness? Yes No (Underline One)

29. Explain your answer to question 28 about thanking the Lord because of His righteousness.

Personal answer, but we should thank the LORD because we can live in peace and security knowing God has given us a standard to know and follow Him. He never changes. We also thank the LORD for His righteousness because this is one of His attributes. This is who He is.

Accountability: Be prepared to share your answers 28–29 and pray with your discipleship team.

30. What if God were righteous but *not* all powerful?

If God were righteous and not powerful, he could not enforce His laws. His people would have no protection from their enemies, nor be assured of eternal life.

31. What if God were all powerful but *not* righteous?

If the LORD were powerful and not righteous, people would not have much peace. We would never be sure of His will or desire for our lives. We would have no way to gauge (determine) our actions or even purpose. You and I would live in constant fear, never knowing what God wanted from us or how to please Him.

32. Read Jeremiah 23:5–6. Who is the righteous Branch, the King, and Righteous Savior? (Cf. Acts 7:52)

Jesus Christ

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.” Jeremiah 23:5–6

Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— Acts 7:52

33. How can God be both just and merciful at the same time?

God’s justice and mercy met in Christ on the cross. We are sinners who deserve punishment for our sins and yet God’s Son, in mercy, paid the penalty for our crimes. Justice was served and mercy was given in Jesus’ blood sacrifice.

34. Read Romans 4:23–25. How do we share in God’s attribute of righteousness, and become righteous?

The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone,²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Romans 4:23–25 (underlining by author for emphasis)

Our righteousness is credited (reckoned, paid) to us through the blood of Jesus Christ who paid the penalty for our sins.

35. Believers still sin, so how can you be called to live up to God’s standard and be righteous in His sight? (Hebrews 9:14; Ephesians 4:21–24, 1 John 1:8–10, Romans 6)

Although we do not cherish sin anymore, we can still do wrong things. When this happens, we agree with God that we have sinned and ask forgiveness based on our faith and trust in Christ and his sacrifice on the cross. This is how we live up to God’s standard and are righteous.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Ephesians 4:21–24 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds;²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

1 John 1:8–10 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

From Lesson 8:

Why Christians Continue to Sin

After we are born again in Christ we are a new creations. Our sins are forgiven, and we have God’s Spirit to lead us in all righteousness. We have the ability to do what is right (Romans 6:11–14) but we do sin (1 John 1:8).

God does not take away our human nature and our ability to choose good from evil (Romans 6:19). We still have free will and we still have Satan and his followers who prowl around looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8). In our natural body we will always be tempted to put ourselves, our comfort and our own satisfaction above others. Plus, we continue to live in a fallen and corrupted world that can entice or lure us into sinful activities.

Even Jesus, in his humanity was tempted (Matthew 4:1–11). Satan tried to persuade Jesus to turn rocks into bread when he was hungry, to prove Himself deity by testing God, and to receive His reward early by false worship. Jesus was perfect and in every temptation he never sinned. He always chose God's way and righteousness.

Jesus lives within the believer and helps us to resist temptation just like He did. We need to allow Jesus to take over and work through us (Philippians 4:13). Once we are saved we begin the process called sanctification. We grow in holiness and purity each day (Hebrews 12:14–15, 1 Thessalonians 4:3–8). As a new creation we should not enjoy sin, nor should we continue in sinful behaviors.

When we do sin, we are to agree with God that we have done wrong (1 John 1:9). We use our free will to repent, that is, we turn from doing that particular sin. As Jesus taught, we should pray for help to keep us from temptation because the *spirit is willing, but the body is weak* (Mark 14:38). God gives us grace to follow him.

Action Step: You are righteousness in Christ Jesus. Give praise to His name.

—End Day Two—

Day Three

The Shepherd

36. Read Psalm 23:1. Who is *your* Shepherd?

The LORD, God the Father, Jesus Christ, God, or Yahweh

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. Psalm 23:1

37. Read Psalm 95:6–7a Whose pasture and flock do *you* belong to?

Hopefully, the LORD, God the Father, Jesus Christ, God, or Yahweh

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; ⁷for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 95:6–7a

38. What are some ways that *you* are like a sheep?

Personal Answer

From this Lesson: In the Bible sheep are used in various instances to symbolize God's people. God often uses what His people know and understand in the physical world to help them relate to Him in the spiritual world. For example, sheep can wander off, lose sight of the shepherd, and

become lost. In Isaiah 53:6, God tells us that we are like sheep and go astray; we lose sight of Him and get off track.

39. How has God been *your* shepherd?

Personal Answer

Accountability: Be prepared to share your answers 38–39 and pray with your discipleship team.

40. Read Genesis 48:15. How long did Jacob (Israel) say that God had been his shepherd?

All his life to this day

Then he blessed Joseph and said, “May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day.” Genesis 48:15

Read John 10:11 and answer questions 41–45:

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

41. Who is speaking in this verse?

Jesus

42. Do God the Father and God the Son share the name *Shepherd*? Yes No (Underline One)

43. How did Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lay down his life for *you*?

He died for my sins on the cross. He sacrificed His life so that I might be forgiven and live.

44. How can *you* be a shepherd to a flock or group of people?

We are called to follow in Jesus’ steps and shepherd others. We teach and lead them in the ways of God and provide a good example for the to follow. We can die to ourselves (put others first), and we can also die physically as a martyr so that others may know of Christ’s sacrifice and the Shepherd.

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; 1 Peter 5:2

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. John 21:16–17

45. As a shepherd following Christ, how do *you* lay down *your* life for your sheep or people?

Personal answer, but we can die to ourselves (put others first), and we can also die physically as a martyr so that others may know of Christ's sacrifice and the Shepherd.

Accountability: Be prepared to share your answers 43–45 and pray with your discipleship team.

46. Read Revelation 7:17. List two things the Shepherd will do for you as a sheep of His pasture?

(1. He will lead me to springs of living water—eternal life.

(2. He will wipe away every tear from my eyes—take away pain, hurt, sorrow and heartache.

“For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Revelation 7:17

Read John 21:16 and answer questions 47–49:

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” John 21:16

47. What does Jesus ask Peter to do?

Take care of His sheep/people

48. Is Jesus asking you the same thing, to take care of His sheep? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal answer but should be yes.

49. Explain your answer to question 48 about taking care of Jesus' sheep:

Personal Answer

50. What are some specific ways that a Christian leader is a *good* shepherd of sheep?
(See Luke 22:25–27; John 21:15–17; 1 Peter 5:1–4)

Personal answer, but here are some suggestions. Giving to others especially God's people who are in need. Pray for believers who are in trouble or in need of help. Lay down life for other believers\sheep. Help sheep to listen to Jesus' voice and follow Him. Teach believers/sheep about God and His ways. Help others in any way so as to give glory to God.

Bible references in question 50:

Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors." ²⁶But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. Luke 22:25–27

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. John 21:15–17

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them-- not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. 1 Peter 5:1–4

51. Choose one of the ways a leader is a *good* shepherd (see your answer to #50) so that you can apply it to your own life. What did you choose to do, and how will you begin to use it?

Personal Answer

Accountability: Be prepared to share your answers 48–51 and pray with your discipleship team.

—End Day Three—

Day Four

***I AM:* Honoring the Name**

52. What do you do when you hear any of God's names misused by a person, through a movie, or social media?

Personal answer, but here are some ideas—Could ask them in a kind and loving manner to stop. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in what to say and how to say it. Do not watch or listen or watch movies or social media that misuses God's name. Pray that Hollywood and other film makers would not abuse the name of our Lord.

53. Explain whether or not you think God will hold you responsible for your response to another's misuse of His name:

Personal Answer, but in regard to other Christians, we are to hold each other accountable so that they might repent and be restored to the church. Reference the discipline of a Corinthian believer (1 Corinthians 5:1–13; 2 Corinthians 2:5–8). In regard to non-Christians, we are responsible to give out the good news and how they might be saved and thus desire to stop misusing God's name.

James 5:20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Read Exodus 3:13–14 and answer questions 54–55:

*Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"*¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13–14

54. When Moses asked God for His name, what name did God give to him (v. 14)?

I AM WHO I AM; I AM

55. After God told Moses His name, what further instructions did God give (v. 14)?

This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'

56. How does studying the name YHWH enlarge your view of God?

Personal Answer

Read John 8:58–59 and answer questions 57–59:

*"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"*⁵⁹ *At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.*
John 8:58–59

57. What name does Jesus call Himself?

I AM

58. When Jesus called Himself “I Am,” why did the Jews attempt to stone Him?
(See Leviticus 24:16)

The Jews understood that Jesus was saying that He was God. He was using the sacred name that God had given to Moses (Exodus 3:13–14). They were using Leviticus 24:16 to justify killing him by stoning.

Leviticus 24:16 anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death. The entire assembly must stone him. Whether an alien or native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.

59. What name does God the Father and God the Son share but we do not?

YHWH; I AM; HE IS

Read Colossians 1:15–17 and answer questions 60–63:

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15–17

60. *Who is the image of the invisible God (v.15)?*

Jesus

61. Who do we depend on to keep our world together (v.17)?

Jesus

62. Why should Jesus’ name be revered and kept holy (v.15–17)?

Jesus is God. Jesus is the Son of God. He is firstborn over all creation, created all things in heaven and earth, He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.

63. Why do you think some people think misusing Jesus’ name is not as egregious (awful) as misusing God’s name?

Personal answer, but these people do not understand or recognize that Jesus is fully and equal to God and should be treated with the same respect.

Action Step

64. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone in the next couple of days that you can communicate the truth of God and Jesus being one and sharing the same holy name, YAHWEH. Make notes about your experience and share with your discipleship team:

Personal Answer

Accountability: Be prepared to share what happened from Action Step 63 with your team.

—End Day Four—

Day Five

Understanding the Name: *In His Name*

Read John 17:11–12 and answer questions 65–66:

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. John 17:11–12 (Judas Iscariot was the one doomed to destruction.)

65. Jesus prayed to the Father to protect His disciples by the power of His name. Since John died in exile and the other ten apostles were martyred, how was Jesus' prayer answered?

Jesus was praying that God would keep the disciples in His name. He wanted the disciples to be one with the Father and Himself rather than being lost to eternal damnation (condemned to hell or eternal punishment). Jesus was not praying that their bodies would remain safe, but their souls or spirits would be true to God. Jesus' prayer was answered in that all His disciples except Judas remained faithful, even to death.

66. Based on Jesus' prayer, how will you adjust or refine your prayers for those you are discipling and for others (v. 11–12)?

Personal answer, but in reference to Jesus' prayer, to keep them in Jesus' name with their souls and spirits true to God and saved from eternal punishment.

67. Read and meditate on John 14:13–14. List two reasons Jesus will do what you ask in prayer:

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. John 14:13–14

1. Ask in Jesus' name which means that I am dwelling in or living in Him. I am standing firm and following Jesus daily.

2. My desire is to bring honor to God and not to myself. My prayers match up with the Father's will and what He wants to accomplish through me.

Accountability: Be prepared to share your answers to questions 65–67 with your team.

Read Acts 5:40–41 and answer questions 68–70:

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.
Acts 5:40–41

68. Did Jesus' name keep the apostles from being flogged? Y N (Underline One)

69. After the flogging, why did the apostles leave rejoicing?

Because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name

70. How have you suffered disgrace for Jesus' Name?

Personal Answer

71. According to Luke 10:20, what should you rejoice about?

That our names are written in heaven; written in the Lamb's book of life

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20 (Cf. Revelation 21:27)

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:27

Read Psalm 33:20–21 and answer questions 72–75:

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. ²¹In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Psalm 33:20–21 (A shield symbolizes protection and deflection of enemy attacks.)

72. Who do we wait in hope for?

The Lord

73. Who is our help and shield?

The Lord

74. Who do we rejoice in?

The Lord

75. In whose name do we trust?

The Lord

76. Read Psalm 52:9. Why do we hope in the Lord?

For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good. Psalm 52:9

Because God is good—His name is good.

77. Action Step: Memorize Isaiah 26:8 and 42:8:

Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. Isaiah 26:8

“I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.” Isaiah 42:8

Accountability: Be prepared to share your memory verses #74 with your discipleship team.

Read Matthew 6:9–10 and answer questions 78–79:

*“This, then, is how you should pray: “‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’”* Matthew 6:9–10

Definition: The Greek word that is translated hallowed is *hagiasmetho* (ἀγιασθήτω). In the context of Matthew 6:9, it means to treat God’s name as holy and to revere Him.

78. After the salutation or greeting, what is the first thing Jesus instructs His disciples to say?

Hallowed be your name.

79. How do you hallow (honor, treat as holy) Your heavenly Father’s name?

Personal answer but from the lesson:

There are many ways to treat God's name as holy—here are a few. First, we can pray for God to make us and His people true worshipers in spirit and truth. Second, we revere God's name when we obey Him and desire to live through His Word. Third, we hallow God's name when we place our hope in Him and trust Him.

Accountability: Be prepared to share #79 with your discipleship team.

—End Answers Day Five and Lesson 9—

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