

**Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups**  
**Week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**  
**“Building Identity in the Family”**  
**Mathew 6:9, 7:21-23 & Deuteronomy 5:11**

**OVERVIEW**

What’s behind a name? Names hold significant meaning and often portrays a person’s purpose and identity. God’s name is both holy and powerful. In Scripture, families are called to revere and champion God’s name in their homes.

**ICEBREAKER**

Is there a particular meaning behind your name? Share with the group.

**BIBLE: Read Mathew 6:9, 7:21-23**

1. In Matthew 6:9, Jesus teaches us to address God as “Father” when we pray. Why is this “name” significant?
2. In Matthew 7:21-23, why are the false disciples rejected by God?
3. How do the false disciples take advantage or “misuse” God’s name?
4. Jesus states that those who do the “will of the Father” will enter the kingdom of heaven. What is the “will of the Father”?

**BIBLE: Read Deuteronomy 5:11**

1. Why are we not allowed to misuse or take the name of God in vain?
2. What does God’s name represent or symbolize?
3. God’s name can be misused by either using His name in an irreverent way as an expletive or blasphemy, or invoking His name to sanction inappropriate behavior or to endorse deception. In what ways have you seen God’s name misused?

**APPLICATION**

1. Has your name ever been “misused?” How did that make you feel? How does this relate to when God’s name is “misused?”
2. Names depict purpose, meaning, and identity. By upholding and championing God’s holy and powerful name in our homes, what new purpose, meaning, or identity can be developed in your home?
3. What are some practical ways we can we can speak and proclaim God’s name in a healthy and unified way in our families? (Worship, reading of Scripture, prayer, serving, etc.)

**PRAY**

1. Pray that our homes will be places where God’s name is revered and championed.
2. Pray for specific ways for families to create spaces and times where God’s name is spoken and proclaimed.

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