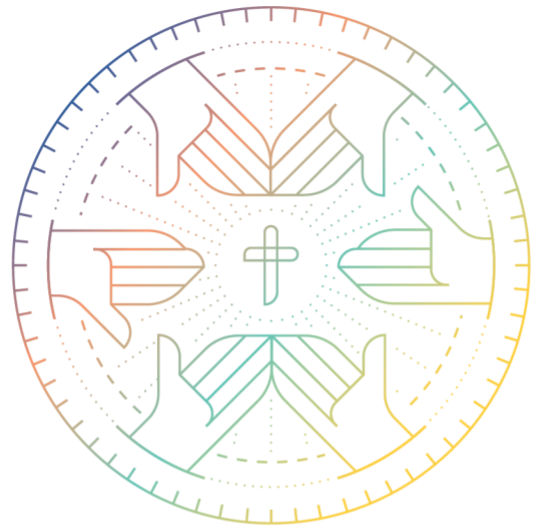


# Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

When you pray, how do you personally refer to God (by what name) and what significance does that name hold for you?

Does your family use nicknames for family members? If so, what nicknames do they use? Do you have a nickname?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from this week's sermon?

The title, "I Am" (Ex. 3:14) is layered with so much meaning. How does that title encourage you today?

## INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

**Read Numbers 6:22-27.** Aaron and his sons are told to bless the people of Israel using the name, Yahweh, and highlighting Yahweh's love and favor toward his people. How does Aaron's blessing add even more understanding to God's name, "Yahweh"?

**Read Zephaniah 3:14-17.** Take a moment to point out the five statements David spoke about within the passage. Discuss how each of the five statements find their expression in the New Testament.

**Read Matthew 6:9-13.** The early church adopted Jesus' model for prayer from its earliest days. How does this prayer further reveal the nature of our heavenly Father?

## APPLICATION (10 MINUTES)

- Which of the five statements do you most need to hear today or this week? Can you share the "why" with your group?

Our Heavenly Father...

1. Has removed our judgement
  2. Is never far away
  3. Is overjoyed with you
  4. Can quiet you with His love
  5. Has so much to say to and about you
- Is there a way you can use the five statements each day as a reminder of your heavenly Father's love for you? If you've already done that each day, how did that affect you?
  - Psalm 9:10 says, "And those who know your name put their trust in you" What have you heard in the sermon or this study that causes you to put your trust in God?
  - Close your time together reading The Lord's Prayer in unison as an expression of your worship of the Father.

### **PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for revealing yourself to us so beautifully through your names. Today, we are reminded that you have taken away our judgement through the forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Your love for us will never change. Please heighten our awareness of your love for us. Teach us that you delight over us, rather than being angry or annoyed with us. May that wonderful truth motivate us to walk with you with you this week. In Jesus name. Amen.