

Series: Getting out of Airplane Mode.

Scripture and Background Information for July 25-31.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

This week we continue our series: *Getting out of Airplane Mode: The Key to a Connected Life*. The disciples traveled with Jesus, seeing him perform many miracles, signs, and wonders. Although they spent all their time with Jesus, they realized something was different about Him. Somehow, Jesus was connected in a way that they were not. One day, one of the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. In this series, we will look at how that prayer teaches us to live a life *out of airplane mode*. For that, we will look at **Matthew 6:9-13**.

Background for Matthew 6:9-13 + Exodus 3:10-18:

Jesus lived with a perspective that *God is greater than our greatest fear, bigger than our biggest obstacle, and nearer than anyone else*. Jesus lived with that perspective, which made his life connected to God. To teach the truth of God's nearness, Jesus now told the disciples that they should pray to God as their father who is in heaven. First, Jesus gave the disciples a new meaning about God. He showed them that they could live connected to Him because God loves people. Second, Jesus showed that they could trust Him because God has a vantage point out of heaven; he is all-knowing, all-seeing, and all-controlling. What a way of living connected, knowing who our father is and what he does. Today, we see how Jesus elaborates on that topic, "hallowed be Your name." As a secondary text, we will look at how God introduced Himself to Moses. For that, read Exodus 3:10-18 as a discussion text.

Some questions to engage with the text:

1. What does "to hallow something" mean? How does that influence our life outside of airplane mode?
2. What does our prayer life say about our view of God? How does "hallowed be thy name" change our life? To live outside of airplane mode, who or what should be the primary focus of our life?
3. What is the context of Exodus 3:10-19? How does Moses feel about his own ministry? How does God's revelation with his name change Moses' calling?
4. What does the "name" of God reveal about God? How does the God of history motivate us for our life, ministry, and life outside of airplane mode? How can we hallow God's name, in context with Exodus 3:10-18, if our life seems to run out of our hands?

Remember: Jesus introduces us the new way of being connected to God. God introduced himself with the name "I am who I am." God is the God who was, is, and is to come. He knows everything about us. Thus, you can come to him as you are.