Leaders Handout

Talk it Over

Pray Like Jesus: Week 2

* We need to **learn** to pray like **Jesus**

(Take a few prayer requests and pray)

How have your prayers changed as you have followed Jesus?

**Read Matthew 6:9-13**

* Jesus prayed with **submission** to the **Father**

(Might tell the story of Mia spitting her chemo in my face)

Do think of "submission" as being a good thing or a bad thing?

(Point out that we all submit to something, but God wants us to submit our lives to Him)

Why is submitting to God difficult? How could remembering God as our Father help with submission?

**Submission in prayer is easier when we remember:**

* God is **Holy**

Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

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(Explain "hallowed be your name" is like asking God to help us keep His name Holy)

**"When God adopts us into His family through a relationship with Christ, we take on His name."**

Have you represented His name as Holy or as a hypocrite? ( point out that Jesus is encouraging us to ask God for help with this)

* God is **King**

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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(Point out that pray "your kingdom come" is asking God to be King of our life")

(might point out the illustration of dogs being a part of their master's kingdom while cats seem to think people are a part of their kingdom)

**"Too often I act like this is my Kingdom and I want God to be a part of it, but this is God's kingdom and he invites us to be a part of it!"**

How does your schedule represent who is the King in your life? What about your budget?

What's one way you can start the day recognizing this is God's Kingdom?

* God has a **Will**

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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(If you make it this far... Try to quickly explain that God has a plan for all of us, but allows us to make decisions desiring we choose His will)

Do you think being here tonight is part of God's will for your life? What are some other desires he has for your life?

**"Submission is not easy, but when we recognize that God our Father is Holy, he is King, and has a Will for us, and submission to Him is best, that's when things just seem better"**

(Can close out with illustration of Mia spitting chemo, but that as a loving Father, I didn't give up. The Father knows what's best, and won't give up when we spit it all back in His face!)