

BIG IDEA

Adoration is coming to the Father not to get but to give him praise and thanks.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:9, Psalm 145

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

Use the icebreaker to have everyone brainstorm and name as many names for God as they can (i.e., Abba, Jesus, Holy One). Everyone can use the chat function to enter names as they think of them. Review the list together. This will help set the tone for the discussion about who God is to us relationally and how worthy of our praise and worship God is.

BIBLE STUDY

Read the first line of the Lord's Prayer together and discuss everyone's exposure to it. Is everyone familiar with it, or is it new to some?

Many people may have been raised in a tradition in which their view of a relationship with God was not a loving one, but more of an adversarial one. Explore how the Bible teaches us that God wants a relationship built on communication with us. How is prayer relational? What emotions are involved in prayer? Use David's song in Psalms to further explore these questions and the idea of adoration.

LIFE APPLICATION

Prayer is relational, not transactional. Use this discussion as an opportunity to further explore that concept. Discuss how individuals have viewed God throughout their faith journey and what or who may have influenced that for them. There may be an excellent opportunity to share experiences of how individuals have grown in their relationship with God and to know God as a loving Father.

Together as a group, share where you are seeing the goodness of God at work in your lives and those around you. Examples of God's greatness are so numerous, and we have so much to be grateful for – let that be the guide to your discussion and worship!

CHALLENGE

C.S. Lewis once said, "In worship, God imparts himself to us." As we go forward this week, be intentional in worshipping the greatness of our God. We have so much that we can be grateful for, including the fact that we serve a loving and mighty God. In our prayers this week, begin by expressing your adoration for him. Be ready to share with the group next week how beginning there may change your whole outlook.