WEEK 2 – OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

⁹This, then, is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us today our daily bread.
¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

– Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

HOW TO ADDRESS GOD WHEN YOU PRAY

- _____ God as Father is _____ _____
- _____ God as our Father *in heaven* highlights his

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⁴The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. ⁵Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, ⁶who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

– Psalm 113:4-6 (NIV)

- _____ God as our Father signifies _____

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¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

– John 1:12-13 (NIV)

- _____ God as our Father gives us _____

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16Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

– Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

BIG IDEA:

Your Heavenly Father is big enough to _____, but he is close enough to _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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DIGGING DEEPER:

1. How do you view God? How do you tend to approach him when you pray?
2. What are your thoughts on praying to God as your Father?
3. How can God become your Father?
4. Why is this such a personal way to address God?
5. What is the significance of God being our Father *in heaven*?
6. How can this be comforting when we pray?
7. How does viewing God as your Father change your perspective of your relationship to him?
8. How can viewing God as Father help you to see him as near instead of distant?
9. If God is your Father, why can you have confidence that he will hear you when you pray?
10. How might seeing God as both transcendent (supremely bigger than us) and near change the way you pray?
11. Why are both of these perspectives important when you pray?
12. How do your prayers need to change to reflect the truth that God is our Father in heaven?