1. Remember ________________________________

2. Pray ________________________________

3. Pray ________________________________

Luke 11:2 And he said to them, “When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name…” (ESV)
Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today’s study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read Psalm 99:1-5. What kind of praying does a clear awareness of God’s holiness preclude?

2. Read Psalm 106:47 and Psalm 111:9. Why is a focus on salvation such a prominent and natural complement to pondering God’s holiness? How can a thoughtful reflection on both of these at the outset of your focused times of prayer change the way you pray?

3. Read Psalm 138:2; Isaiah 1:10-17 and Isaiah 5:24 Why is it so important to define the holy character of God biblically and not simply by intuition or instinct?

4. Read Hebrews 10:19-22 and 1 Timothy 2:4-5. How do these passages help to shape our understanding of praying in Jesus name? How can you make sure that “…in Jesus’ name” doesn’t become a meaningless phrase in your praying?

5. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. How do our sin, temptations, and shame sometimes keep us from addressing a holy God in prayer? What particular part of this passage helps you the most in avoiding that problem?

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 08-22 – Celebrating the Archetypal Fatherhood of Our Spiritual Dad
Msg. 08-12 – Rethinking God
Msg. 08-07 – Purposeful Praise
Msg. 06-28 – Impeccable Promises & Divine Character
Msg. 12-26 – The Creator Knows You
Msg. 11-28 – Knowing the Real God & the Real Gospel
Msg. 08-51 – 08-60 – Studying God (a 12-part series on the nature & attributes of God)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today’s sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today’s topic.

Ware, Bruce A. Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God. Crossway, 2009.