

Living the Kingdom Life

What's In the Name?

Study Guide - Some Questions Taken from *Walking In the Dust of Rabbi Jesus*.

Read Moses' words to God in Deuteronomy 9:25-29 after Israel worshiped the golden calf. How does Moses appeal to God's "reputation" to plead for forgiveness for his people?

What other expressions can you think of in English that use "name" in some of the ways that Hebrew does?

Read Ezekiel 36:16-26. How did the people of Israel profane God's reputation? What did God say he would do to restore his reputation among the nations?

Look up Deuteronomy 18:5; 1 Kings 5:5; Matthew 18:20; and John 17:11-12. How does understanding idioms about "name" help you interpret these verses?

Is there anything that you are doing that might make God look bad to others? How can you change your behavior to reflect God's character? Discuss some things that our church can do corporately to bring glory to God's name.

I am learning from Jesus to live my life as he would live my life if he were me. I am learning how to do everything I do in the manner that he did all that he did.

Discuss the many ways that we possibly take God's name in vain besides "swearing."