

## **What's Your Name**

### **Ready:**

“Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God, because the Lord will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses his name.” --Exodus 20:7

### **Set**

Our names are important to us. Perhaps we were named after a favorite relative, a great leader, a biblical character, or maybe a sports legend. Our names are important and are often the way in which we identify ourselves.

As competitors, we will have lifelong struggles to not allow our identities to be wrapped up in our performances and achievements. We are more than just the names and numbers we wear on our backs. We will also struggle to reject certain labels put on us from others. We don't want to be misidentified.

The Bible has powerful things to say about names. In Matthew 16, Jesus asks Peter to tell him “who he is” according to the people. Peter tells him that some believe He is John the Baptist, others Elijah, others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Peter's answer represented just a few of the misunderstandings at the time when it came to Jesus' true identity. He then asks Peter a follow-up question: “Who do you say I am?” Peter confidently and accurately answers that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Who are you? As we desire to have others know who we really are, we should strive to know others accurately without false judgment. We should also seek to know the true character and attributes of God.

### **Go**

1. What are ways we are tempted to misuse God's name?
2. Who are you when others ask?
3. What do you believe your true identity is in Christ?

### **Workout**

Exodus 20:7

Matthew 16:13–19

### **Overtime**

God, please help me to never misuse Your name. Guide my thoughts, actions, and the words

that come out of my mouth. May I honor You in everything I say and do. Amen.



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