PRAYER
**Talk 3: To whom do we pray?**

**Introduction**

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**1. Speaking God’s language**

**2. Knowing God’s name**

Knowing God

*Exodus 3:1-6*

Knowing God whose name is “Yahweh”

*Exodus 3:13-15*

Knowing God whose name is “Jesus”

*Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”*

Knowing God whose name is “Father”

*Matthew 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven.’”*

**3. Consequences for prayer**

1. We *can* pray to the only true God

2. We *must* pray to the only true God

*Romans 10: 9 That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11 As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

3. When we pray to the only true God, he listens.

*Psalm 115: 3 Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.*

Heavenly = distant + able

Father = close + willing

*Matthew 7:9“Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*