

## March 8: Hallowed Be Your Name

1. To hallow is to regard something or someone as more significant than everything or everyone else. Hallowing is a function of our human nature to fill up the feeling of hollowness in our hearts. What are some of the symptoms that manifest in our lives when we have hallowed too much of things or when we have hallowed too little of things?
2. St. Augustine prayed these famous words, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You." How could anyone come to experience the "heart-rest" that St. Augustine described in his prayer?
3. Thomas Chalmers observed that there are two methods we could displace the inordinate lust for vain carnality from our hearts. First, to discipline and train our hearts to become disaffected by the lure of worldly things. Or second, to replace our old affections with a new one. While we can discipline our bodies and appetites through religious practices, how can we fan the flames of our deepest and often dormant affections for God?
4. Grammatically, hallowed be Your Name is rendered in the imperative mood. That is, hallowing God's Name is a command, exhortation, and an invitation from Jesus. He taught us to pray this not because God needs His Name to be hallowed, but for our need to hallow God's Name--for our sakes. How can we as Christians and as a community cultivate a missional approach towards the hallowing of God's Name in our city?