

D'Now 2026

No Other Name – Worship Without Limits

D'Now Focal Passage

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Group Session 4

The Name We Carry

Romans 10:13-15, Colossians 3:17, Matthew 5:14-16, Exodus 4:10-12

Purpose: Christians are reminded of the power, presence, and freedom in the Name of Jesus. But more than that, they'll be challenged to recognize that the Name of Jesus isn't just something we receive—it's something we carry. Christians will explore what it means to represent *No Other Name* in their daily lives, how the Gospel spreads when we share His Name, and how our actions and words reflect the truth of who He is. In short, the goal of this session is simple but powerful: to send Christians with confidence, calling, and a clear reminder that the world needs what they've found in Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Stand for Reading

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Review

The Name of Jesus is an incredible thing. It's so much more than just letters or a title. No Other Name holds this kind of power. Here are some of the highlights from the D'Now sessions this past weekend.

- *In Session 1, we looked at "The Name That Changes Everything." We talked about how Jesus isn't just a good option but the ONLY option! Because of His supremacy, His Name holds everything together, reveals who God is, and is the only Name that saves. He's not one choice among many. He's the only way to true life.*

- *In Session 2, we talked about how Jesus' Name is "The Name That Breaks Chains." We saw that Jesus didn't come to inspire us, but He came to free us. And not just the freedom to do whatever we want but also the freedom to live differently, walk in truth, and stand firm in what's right. His name has the power to break whatever's been holding us back.*
- *And last, Session 3 taught us that Jesus' Name is "The Name that Draws Near." We were reminded that Jesus doesn't stay distant. Jesus entered our world on purpose, He has promised to remain near to us, and He draws nearest when we are at our lowest. His Name is personal and present, and he meets us every season.*

Prayer

Father, we are grateful for Jesus Christ. His name is powerful to save and to change us. Cause us to celebrate the change that Jesus Christ has done on us, live in the freedom Jesus Christ gives, and rely upon Jesus Christ who is near to us. Prepare us to go from here today carrying the name of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it. In Jesus Christ name we pray, amen.

Sermon

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Opening Idea

You are a Little Christ! (Antioch – Acts 11:26)

The name 'Christian' recorded in Acts 11:26 as first being used by people in Antioch to describe people who followed Jesus Christ or denoted those who belonged to Him.

- **Root:** The name originates from the Late Latin name *Christianus* and the Greek word *Χριστιανός* (Christianos).
- **Literal Meaning:** It means "a follower of Christ," "belonging to Christ," or "anointed one".
- **Biblical Context:** The term first appeared in the New Testament (Acts 11:26) in the city of Antioch to describe the disciples of Jesus.

In our culture, the title/name Christian is accepted as an honorable name, but this name hasn't always been regarded with honor and respect. It was initially used as an insult or belittlement. People who were followers of "the way" were referred to as little Christs or Christians. The name was a term of honor by those who believed and followed Christ. To be associated with Jesus Christ and to be thought of as a person who was like Christ was a sign that they were less like their old selves and more like Christ. This is the genuine desire of a person who by faith believes

in Christ and grows knowing that their hope and security to abide with God in peace is found in Christ.

The name is important and powerful. The name identifies the person who was anointed to destroy sin and breaks sin's curse of death. To belong to Christ, to be like Him, is evidence that there is change taking place. Let's talk about Paul's words on Philippians 2 concerning Jesus Christ and all of creation's response to Jesus' name. The value of Jesus' name is not determined by people, but the impact of His name will cause a response of all creation.

Read

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Notes on Philippians 2:9-11

A God Given Name (v. 9)

Paul writes that the name given to Jesus wasn't a name that simply was given to Him by Mary and Joseph. We read in Matthew 1:21 where an angel spoke to Joseph about Mary giving birth to a baby. The angel says to Joseph that, "you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." The name Jesus is translated from both Greek and Hebrew to mean "God saves" or "God is Salvation". God gives the baby who will be born from Mary will be called Jesus. This name carries honor, status, and power. This Jesus isn't the only Jesus that has been born (the direct name or its related name of Joshua/Yeshua) God reveals that this baby will bring salvation!

The God Given Name Bearer Causes a Response (v. 10)

Paul continues writing that there will be a moment in time when Jesus' name will be announced to all of creation. The moment when the name is announced, it will be declared to all people who are alive in that moment. Paul indicates that this declaration isn't bound by geography, but it isn't bound by time either. All people who have ever existed will hear his declaration. Paul continues that this declaration is for all of creation. Everything created will hear this declaration. The response to Jesus' name being declared is everything will submit to Jesus' authority. There, Paul writes specifically that every person's response is to kneel in honor of the one who is announced. Every person (all places and in all times) will kneel. Every person will

also confess the truth of who Jesus is. Paul writes that people will confess that Jesus is Lord. Bowing in honor and confessing Lordship is a direct response to Jesus appearing. Jesus' name announces Jesus' presence.

Jesus is the Christ, the Lord, Glorifying God the Father (v. 11)

All of the regal response of creation to the name and presence of Jesus is to one end. Paul writes that creation kneeling to and confessing about Jesus is to the Glory of God. Honoring Jesus (kneeling and confession) and glorifying God seem like two actions, but in reality, it is one action. God is one who exists in three persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Paul writes this to keep the Christians' mind intact. Honoring Jesus doesn't compromise glorifying God. Honoring Jesus is glorifying God. This is an act of worship that will take place where all of creation will worship God in the moment as they kneel and confess Jesus as Lord. Christians submit to and honor Jesus continually and we look forward to the moment when all of creation joins with us to do what is precious to us. Glorifying God the Father is a spectacular moment God's people eagerly look forward to.

Jesus Gave Us His Name and His Name Changed Everything – Little Christians. We have received this name and we honor His name, now what are we to do until the time comes when Jesus returns? We are to worship Jesus taking His name as we live.

God's People Are Given a Powerful Name – Jesus Christ (Slide 4)

Christians Carry the Name in All We Do! (Slide 5)

Colossians 3:17 ESV

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Christians Carry the Name to Light Up the Dark Places! (Slide 6)

Matthew 5:14-16 ESV

14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that[a] they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Christians Carry the Name so Others Can Know It! (Slide 7)

Romans 10:13-15 ESV

13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? **15** And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

God Will Help You Carry the Name of Jesus! (Slide 8)

Exodus 4:10-12 ESV

10 But Moses said to the Lord, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” **11** Then the Lord said to him, “Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? **12** Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.”

Closing

Worship God daily in Carrying the Name of Jesus Everywhere You Go. (Slide 9)

Think of the places you will go this week, month, and year and pray for God to give you opportunities to talk about Jesus. You've been given life in Jesus, share Him with others who need that life. One day they will honor Him, we hope they honor Jesus as one of His people!

Luke 8:38-39 ESV (Slide 10)

38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, **39** “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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