

TEACH US TO *pray*

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FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM | Matthew 6:9-13

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S U M M A R Y

On Sunday we concluded our series through the Lord's Prayer and saw how our collective agreement and practice of (our Amen) laying down rights to our own Kingdoms, Power, and Glory is the very way that God's kingdom is able to break through here on earth. The Lord's Prayer confronts our ego and pride, and aligns us with Jesus' better way.

R E A D

Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Chronicles 29:10-13.

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

We unpacked three different problems that this verse exposes, a kingdom problem, a power problem, and a glory problem.

1) Which one of these problems resonates with you and why?

We explored how these different problems are rooted in the age-old problem of wanting to be God. Read Genesis 3 and Romans 8:15-17.

2) How do you think these three problems relate to the story of Adam and Eve?

3) What does it mean that Jesus has ushered in a new humanity?

The Scriptures say that the Kingdom is both now and forever, but when we look around, we clearly live in a tension:

4) In what ways have you decided that the Kingdom of God is for later?

5) In what ways have you seen the Kingdom of God at work now?

6) How does the tension of the now and not-yet Kingdom impact your faith?

We were reminded that as we release our kingdom, power and glory, Jesus shares it back with us.

7) Talk about a time that you have witnessed or experienced this truth.

The Lord's Prayer is a communal act of commitment and participation.

8) What does it mean, practically, for a community (SPAC) to seek this realignment together?

R E S P O N D

Take time individually or as a group to reflect:

Whose kingdom are we in?

Whose power are we using?

Whose glory are we seeking?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Read Isaiah 61:1-3. Out of this passage, what needs are currently in your group or do you see in our church?

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.



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