

TEACH US TO pray

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YOUR KINGDOM COME | Matthew 6:9-13

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we spent time learning what Jesus meant when he taught us to pray: "Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven". When we pray this phrase, we are intentionally and actively: ASKING, RELEASING, and ALIGNING. When we ask for God's kingdom to come, we are asking for heaven to come to earth. When we release our wills and man-made kingdoms and align with God's will and kingdom, we give consent to the in-breaking of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

R E A D

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

D I S C U S S

- 1) What does the Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of God mean to you?
- 2) What images/metaphors or parables relating to the Kingdom of Heaven stand out to you in Scripture?
- 3) The descriptions of the Kingdom of God found in scripture, are the desire for life as God has always intended. How have you seen the Kingdom of God in your life and relationships over your lifetime?
- 4) How might Jesus be asking you to make visible and active the Kingdom of God, so that others will experience it too?

- 5) The very near, in-breaking kingdom only happens with our 'yes' - with our consent and cooperation. How does a statement like this affect you?
- 6) As you pray, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," what would it look like for the Kingdom of God to come to your street/work/family etc.?

R E S P O N D

Ask Jesus to show you the kingdom on this earth you are trying to build. How do you need to release your will for the will of God to be done today? Take time to confess that you release your will and align with God's will for the earth.

Share with one another where and how you are seeing, experiencing, and aligning with the kingdom of God at this time in your life. Celebrate with one another what you share.

*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

Pray that the Lord's Prayer will change and transform you, and change and transform the world, through the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

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



FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE, BY PRACTICING THE WAY OF JESUS TOGETHER