

The Lord's Prayer

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 2 March 13, 2022
"Whose Will Be Done?"



OPENING PRAYER

Sovereign God, who created and rules over all: Fix our hearts and minds in this time together on the day when your will shall be done on earth as in heaven, and by your Spirit make us so long for its dawning that we live every day in more faithful obedience to your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

⁹"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

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INTRODUCTION

In this series, we are examining the Lord’s Prayer to get a better understanding of its meaning so that when we pray it, we will connect with God like never before. So what does the phrase “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” mean for us?

The point of the phrase “thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” is not to get God to do something, but to get God to do something through *me*. As Christians, we are called to close the gap between the world as it is and the way it’s supposed to be. The way the world is supposed to be is when the will of God is being accomplished. What can you do to close the gap in your circle of influence?

QUESTIONS

- 1) Did you pray the Lord’s Prayer this past week? Did you focus on what you learned last week regarding the opening phrase?
- 2) When scholars and theologians talk about the Kingdom of God, they say there is the ‘already’ and the ‘not yet’. Based on what you learned from the sermon, what are they talking about?
- 3) What helps you resist the urge to try to impress people with your own good reputation or deeds, rather than introducing them to your Lord?
- 4) Do you struggle with judging others? Do you have a tendency to try and prove you are right about an issue?
- 5) How would you describe the “will of God” to someone?
- 6) What are you doing to close the gap between the way the world is and the way it is supposed to be?

FINAL APPLICATION

What is one small thing you can do in your circle of influence to close the gap between the way the world is and the way it is supposed to be? How can this group help?