

The Lord's Prayer

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 6 April 10, 2022
"For Thine is the Kingdom,"



OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, and Blessed is our Lord Jesus Christ, forever and always. We ask that you would send your Spirit to teach and train us in prayer. Help us to pray in a way that we can more fully offer ourselves to you, for the sake of the one who offered himself for us on the cross, disregarding its shame, that Your glory might be more fully known. For it is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

1 Chronicles 29:10-19 (NIV)

¹⁰David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

*"Praise be to you, Lord,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.*

*¹¹Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.*

*Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.*

*¹²Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.*

*¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.*

¹⁴"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only

what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. ¹⁹And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, statutes and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided."

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“For Thine is the Kingdom, Power and Glory”

INTRODUCTION

“For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,” the closing line to the Lord’s Prayer, most likely was not originally part of the prayer that Jesus taught, but was added and recited by Christians by the end of the first century. With this shout of praise, we pledge to truly own this prayer and allow it to govern the way we think and the way we live, and ultimately how we follow Jesus into the world today.

QUESTIONS

1. Read David’s prayer in 1 Chronicles, where he has numerous praises for God. What picture does it give you of God? What reasons does he give for these praises? How do these reasons resonate with you?
2. David stresses the importance of honesty before God (verse 17). Are you your most authentic self in prayer? Why or why not?
3. Also read Luke 22:24-30. What do the disciples’ argument reveal about how they imagine the concepts of kingdom, power and glory? What does Jesus’ response reveal about the true kingdom?
4. What is an area of your life where you have power? How can you best use that power to impact others around you and the world for God?
5. We naturally tend to seek “glory” for ourselves. Is it ever okay to want credit for the things you do? How do we balance giving and receiving deserved recognition and respect, and giving God glory?

FINAL APPLICATION

Over the course of a week, focus your prayer time on each of the 6 phrases we learned about, and write your own version of the Lord’s Prayer. For example, for “Our Father,” you might say, “Our Holy Parent, to whom I belong. Jesus called you “Abba” or Dad, so we will too. Be our parent who loves us unconditionally, and help me to remember You belong to all of Your children around the world.” Be creative. By the end of the week, you will have written your own version of the prayer that has shaped your heart. If comfortable, share this prayer with a family member or friend.

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