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Pray Like This: Be Bigger Than Our Agenda
Matthew 6:9&10

9 “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 this day 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 evil.

His Name: Our Greatest Honor

His Kingdom: Our Highest Allegiance

His Will: Our Freest Obedience

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Small Group Study Guide | Matthew 6:9&10

Getting Started - In the 4th petition of the Lord’s Prayer, we are invited to ask God for daily bread. What’s your favorite kind of bread? Least favorite?

The Big Idea - Jesus teaches us to begin prayer with our Father’s name, kingdom, and will before bringing our needs. As we trust his power and affection, treasure his coming kingdom, and find true freedom in obeying him, our desires and difficulties take their proper place beneath his greater glory and goodness.

Digging Deeper (Read 6:7-13)

1. Before Jesus teaches us to ask for "daily bread," he teaches us to pray about God's name, kingdom, and will. Why?

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2. He teaches us to address God as "Our Father in heaven." The message described God as "highest in authority and deepest in affection." Which truth is easier for you to trust? How does holding both together change the way you approach him? How might Jesus' warnings in verses 7&8 be a consequence of not holding these two together?

3. What does it mean to "hallow" God's name?

4. The message warned that our prayers can become "Hallowed be my daily bread." What was the point?

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5. Read Revelation 22:20. Have you ever felt the tension between "Come, Lord Jesus" and "But first, let me experience…"? What makes that tension understandable? What might it reveal about how we imagine life in his kingdom?

6. The message described becoming so accustomed to a broken house that it felt like paradise. Give some current examples of brokenness that people accept as normal?

7. How does the promise of God's kingdom help us recognize both the goodness of this life and our need for its restoration?

His Will: Our Freest Obedience

8. Jesus teaches us to pray, "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Discuss why and how the world is presently under a curse because this prayer has been ignored from the beginning?

9. "I'm only truly free when no one tells me what to do." Why is that definition of freedom so appealing? How can doing whatever we want make us slaves to our desires?

10. Read John 8:34–36. What does Jesus' statement tell us about the condition of "freewill" in fallen sinners? How should a Christian share that fact to non-believers?

11. The message argued we are most free when we are most submitted to God. Discuss areas where people experience freedom by embracing obedience, or experience slavery by embracing 'freedom.'

Close in Prayer

Praise your Father for who he is. Pray that his name would be honored, his kingdom welcomed, and his will obeyed in your lives, your church, and your community.