

KINGDOM PRAYERS

MATTHEW 6:10

2/25/24

I. WHAT IS THE KINGDOM

A. Simple definition – Where God rules and reigns

B. The Kingdom is future and a present reality

Matthew 4:17 - "Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Luke 17:21b - "...behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

C. Present Kingdom

1. Inaugurated through Jesus' death and resurrection

2. Spiritual Kingdom – Where the Gospel goes, God's Kingdom comes

D. Future Kingdom

1. Physical Kingdom – With Jesus ruling and reigning

E. God's Kingdom comes where He is known as King

II. WHAT IS GOD'S WILL

A. Sovereign Will

1. God's hidden will that never fails

B. Desired Will

1. God's revealed will in His commands

III. HOW DO WE PRAY?

A. Pray Submissively

1. God let my kingdom and will submit to yours

B. Pray Humbly

1. God build Your kingdom and will in me before others

C. Pray Evangelistically

1. God accomplish Your kingdom and will in the Gospel message

1 Timothy 2:4 - "...who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. What does this week's stanza of the Lord's Prayer communicate about God? Why are these important for us to see?
3. What are we asking for when we say, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done"? Why is this such an important prayer for us to pray?
4. How should we live our lives in light of these requests of God (Kingdom come, will be done)?
5. How does understanding the present and future aspect of God's kingdom encourage you to share the Gospel?
6. Why was it important to understand God's two different wills?
7. Focus on the final point, "How do we pray?" Which aspect of prayer stood out to you...Pray submissively, pray humbly, or pray evangelistically?
8. Who is someone you are praying for to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus?

ACTIVITY – Pray together as a group for the unsaved people that are shared. Also, encourage each other as a group to make it a point to share the Gospel with that person, and to invite them to church on Sunday or even for Easter. We need to be praying but we also need to be proactive in sharing the Gospel!

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

- This week we are going to pray for our Children's Ministry
 - God has been steadily growing this ministry and we are excited at all that He is doing!
- God gives special emphasis to Children in His Word and we want to pray for them this week
 - Pray that God would magnify truth to our children at MCC
 - Pray that God would allow the Gospel to penetrate their young hearts
 - Pray for our leaders to faithfully teach and humbly serve our children
 - Pray that God would raise up new leaders to serve
- If you are interested in more information about our Children's ministry or how you can serve...reach out to the church office or Karen Lentz.