

Kingdom Come

Matthew 5:10 and John 18:33-40

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### Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

### Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

### Ice Breaker!

If you could have one wish fulfilled today, what would it be?

The most challenging thing about prayer is:

- Whoa! Sounds like monk and monastery stuff.
- Taking the time to do it.
- The feeling that no one is listening.
- Not knowing what to say or ask.
- It's really hard to believe that God would answer my prayer.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Discussion!

Read **Matthew 5:9-13**

[9] *Pray then like this: "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.*

If we don't pray to our Father who is in Heaven, and if we don't hallow him, then we will have a very difficult time praying "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done!"

This part of the prayer is where change comes. If our lives aren't changing it usually means we aren't praying this prayer. We can't change if we're constantly longing and praying for our Kingdom and for our will.

Question: What is a good sign that you might be praying for your own kingdom and own will to be done?

- I find myself only asking God for stuff.
- I'm struggling with the same sin that I was struggling with last year.
- My prayers and thoughts are mostly about me.
- I'm not even thinking about what God might want because I'm only thinking about what I want.
- If you still listen to NSYNC, or if you ever bought an album of theirs, or if you don't change the station when their music comes on the radio, then you should probably examine your life just a bit.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. God's Kingdom Come

What is the Kingdom of God? Where does Scripture talk about the Kingdom of God?

Question: Where in your life do you need to see "God's kingdom come" into your own kingdom?

- My relational world
- The TV shows I watch
- The websites that I visit
- The way I spend money
- The way I think about others
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Question: How does God's Kingdom come into our lives?

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Question: On a scale of 1 -10, 1 being that you live for your kingdom, 10 being that you are living for God's kingdom, how would you rate yourself? How would you rate our group? How could we improve?

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## 2. God's Will Be Done

Question: How do we know God's will?

- By casting lots like they did in the Old Testament
- By reading God's Word
- By talking about what I might want
- By wearing cool Christian T-Shirts
- By how good you feel about stuff
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What if we said that God's will in our life is simply obedience to what God has already said?

Would that excite you or overwhelm you?

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Does doing God's will seem more like a blessing or a curse to your right now?

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Question: How does knowing God as a loving Father help us pray that His Kingdom Come and His Will be done?

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So why should we pray about God's Kingdom coming and God's will being done?

Let's pray together for those things now!

**Work It Out!**

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:

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