

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.

Icebreaker

Who was one of your early heroes? Why?

How I keep going:

- ❑ Power Bars, Geritol, and herbal energizers
- ❑ A little guilt, some codependency, and lots of perfectionism.
- ❑ I just pull myself up, whine, and press on.
- ❑ Caffeine—in large doses.
- ❑ I've harnessed the power of my obsessive-compulsive disorder!
- ❑ Other: _____

1 Chronicles 29:10–13

[10] Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. [11] Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. [12] Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. [13] And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. (ESV)

1 Timothy 1:17

[17] To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

Question:

What is the theme of these passages?

The Conclusion

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, amen.

For Discussion:

The conclusion to the Lord's Prayer isn't in the earliest manuscripts in Mathew. So why do we pray this as part of the Lord's Prayer?

1. His Kingdom

The kingdom of God is not of the people, by the people, or for the people. It is a kingdom ruled by a King, and God does not rule by the consent of His subjects but by His sovereign authority. His reign extends over me whether I vote for Him or not. -RC Sproul

How would you describe the Kingdom of God to a 5 year old?

Question: Where do your own personal kingdoms seem to creep into your heart?

- The way I control circumstances
- The way I control groups of people
- In my parenting
- In my career
- Other: _____

Question: What is the fruit of seeking your own kingdom?

2. His Power

Question: Does your Christian service ever feel like joyless duty?

Why do we tend to try to live the Christian life apart from God's power?

- We think we are strong enough
- We forget the help of the Holy Spirit
- We don't talk about power from God enough
- We'd rather try to do it on our own
- Other: _____

How do we plug into God's power?

- God's Word
- Prayer
- Worship
- Abiding in Christ
- With the help of the Holy Spirit
- Other: _____

3. His Glory

There tend to be two types of glory seekers. There are those that are obviously seeking their own glory. They won't let anyone else have any attention and it's obvious. Then there are the other kinds of glory seekers that are more subtle. They don't like the spotlight but they get upset if they aren't thanked or recognized.

Question: What type of self glory seeker do you tend to be?

Question: Why is seeking your own glory just bad news for you?

- My glory will go away
- Its exhausting
- I get jealous of others that get attention
- I'll show resentment if I'm not noticed
- Other: _____

Question: Why is living for God's glory good news for you?

Work It Out!

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