

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done

Opening Prayer Heavenly Father, You have brought us into Your family and into Your Kingdom. Help us as we continue to explore what it means to live in Your kingdom and to desire Your will as we live our lives. Let our conversation and our thoughts glorify You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Fill in the Blank/Questions—Responding to the Talk in the Big Room

- The question that the Lord's prayer answers is: _____?
- In light of the words "Thy kingdom come" and "Thy will be done," how do we live our life? _____ God's kingdom and His will in our lives.
- Where is God's kingdom? Where is God king?
 - _____ (Kingdom of Power)
 - Where God's _____ is spread or heard (Kingdom of Grace)
 - It will be most fully known when _____ . (Kingdom of Glory)
- We hear Jesus pray "Thy will be done" twice: in the Lord's Prayer and in the _____ of _____.

This is Most Certainly True (Bible Time)

We spent some time talking about the kingdom tonight. Now it's time for us to hear from the man Himself. Jesus talked about the kingdom often in His ministry. As a group, let's open up our Bibles to Matthew, Mark, or Luke, and see if we can find **parables** where Jesus talks about the kingdom of God/heaven.

As a group, find five and talk about what you learn from each time Jesus talks about the kingdom. What do you learn about the kingdom of God? Use the space below to write what you find.

Example: _____ Luke _____ : _____-_____. The kingdom might start small but it grows really big.

1. _____ : _____.
2. _____ : _____.
3. _____ : _____.
4. _____ : _____.
5. _____ : _____.

Considering God's Will

Here's the list of ways that we can know God's Will that we talked about in the big room:

#1—Clear Bible Teaching

#2—General Bible Principles

#3—Counsel of godly people

#4—Examination of the Circumstances and the Spirit

#5—Prayer

- Which do you feel is the most helpful? Why?
- Think of a big decision you or a friend have wrestled with or might be wrestling with now. How would these guidelines help make things clearer?

Questions for Your Crew *(Be sure to write your thoughts!)*

- Why do you think Jesus spends so much time talking about the Kingdom of God?
- Speaking of God's power being seen in all creation, what are some places in the world where you see God's power?
- Knowing that God's kingdom of grace is extended where His word is shared and heard, who might be someone that you could share God's love with? What might be a way you can share it with them?
- What do you think will be the best part about when Jesus comes back?
- If you could ask God for anything in the world, what would it be?
- What are some things in our world that God doesn't want to happen?
- The devil tries really hard to stop God's will from happening in the world. What are some ways he might do this?
- Who is someone in your life that you think is a good example of following God's will no matter what the circumstance might be?

Seeing Your World Through the Lord’s Prayer

Same routine as the past few weeks. Tonight, our goal is to write prayers for each of the things we pray about in light of this reality: that we desire God’s kingdom and His will to be done.

In the space below:

- *Look at each prompt below and think about something in your life in this area that you could pray about.*
- *Then write a prayer specifically focusing on the fact that your desire God’s kingdom and His will. Remember, prayer is simply talking with God! That’s it. So just write like you would talk to Him.*

I would like to pray for this person in my life: _____

My prayer: _____

When I think about my life, I want: _____

My prayer: _____

I need guidance for: _____

My prayer: _____

When I think about this next week, protect me from: _____

My prayer: _____

Here’s my challenge to you for this week: every time you pray this week, pray remembering that your desire is for God’s kingdom and His will to be done and see what words come to mind as you lift up various prayer requests this week.

Share Highs and Lows

Closing Prayer Heavenly Father, help us to always have Your will in mind as we go about our week. Your Kingdom is all around us, but we ask for Your help to see it and to renew within us a desire for it. Help us to rely on You for every good gift and all of our needs. Remind us daily of the forgiveness You promise us so that we might also be forgiving. Be our guide this week, help us to keep Your name holy, and protect us from what may come our way that we might always be held and known by You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.