

## **The Lord's Prayer Lesson 2**

### **Truth and Equipping**

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Purpose: Jesus is showing us how to spend time with God in prayer

Weekly Focus: The importance that God places on us understanding His kingdom and putting him in his rightful place in our prayers

Bible: Matthew 6:10, Revelation 21:1-8, 22-27, Matthew 26:36-46,

Context: Jesus is teaching the crowds about the Kingdom of God.  
Jesus specifically wants them to understand the importance of prayer  
Jesus tells them how they should pray.  
Jesus reminds us that God is personal (Our Father) and powerful (Who is in heaven).  
Jesus then instructs us on how we should approach God in prayer in using His Name and that prayer is an act of worship.  
Jesus then begins to give us what we should pray.  
We should first pray for God's Kingdom and God's will before we pray for ourselves.  
The first thing we are to pray for is for coming of God's Kingdom.

"Your Kingdom Come"

Outline:

- I. God's goal was to bring in His Kingdom  
To spread His glorious Kingdom to the ends of the earth
- II. Jesus is living example of God's Kingdom
  - a. Was His central message
  - b. His kingdom instead of our kingdom
- III. What should we pray?
  - a. Pray that people will be brought into the Kingdom—people will come to know Jesus because of what He has done for them
    - i. Go from darkness to light
    - ii. Repentance is key to entering the kingdom
      - Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near
      - Need to cleanse our life of that which keeps us from embracing His kingdom
  - b. Pray that we will live obediently
    - i. Our lives also reflect God and His Kingdom
    - ii. Can be a witness for Him
- IV. What will the kingdom look like?

- a. Jesus will bring God's kingdom when He returns
  - b. His Kingdom will never end
  - c. God will now dwell directly with His people  
Live in their midst
  - d. There will be no more
    - i. Mourning or crying
    - ii. Pain or death
    - iii. Suffering or sin
  - e. All things will be made right and new
    - i. Restore things as they were before sin
    - ii. We will no longer struggle to do what is right
  - f. God will give the world its light
    - i. No more darkness
    - ii. His Glory will shine for us all to see
  - g. There will never again be evil
- V. How should this change the way we pray?
- a. We should pray for our world to change to be more like how God designed it to be
    - i. Place of peace and love
    - ii. Place that honors God
  - b. We should confess when we are more interested in building our own little kingdom instead of helping God's Kingdom to come  
As ambassadors of God, we show the world what He is like and what His kingdom is like
  - c. We should long for and pray for Jesus return (Revelation 22:20)  
We should be thankful for gift of heaven and have desire to get there

#### Reflection Questions:

What did you learn today about God's kingdom?

Why should we want God's kingdom to come to Earth?

How should we pray about God's kingdom?

How can you bring God's kingdom to your family? Friends? Co-workers? Neighbors?

When you think about heaven what gets you most excited?

"Your Will Be Done, On Earth as It Is in Heaven"

#### Outline:

- VI. Jesus came to do the will of the Father
  - a. My food is to do the will of the Father (John 4:34)
  - b. Did what the Father did (John 5:19)
  - c. Even when it would be very difficult (Matthew 26:36-46)  
Prayed for God's will over His will
- VII. Calls us to do the same

- a. We do God's will through obedience to Him.
  - b. Should delight in obedience
    - i. Psalm 119:27, 30, 32, 33, 47, 54, 93, 97, 127
    - ii. Love and delight in the law of God
  - c. Our lives show God to others.
- VIII. We often struggle to want our will to be done and not God's will.
- a. We think that we know what is best for our lives
  - b. Have a hard time trusting God's plan for our lives
- IX. How should this change the way we pray?
- a. That we will seek to know God's will in prayer
    - i. Lord willing (James 4:14-15)
    - ii. Need to understand our place and His
      - He knows and does what is best
    - ii. Romans 12:2
      - His will is good, pleasing and perfect
      - Need transformed mind to understand it
  - b. That we will ask for strength to trust God's perfect plan and will obey it
    - i. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel 3:17-18)
      - God will rescue us but even if he doesn't we will not bow down.
    - ii. God has a plan for each of us and it is for our good.
      - For our good and not for evil
      - To give us a hope and a future
  - c. That we will choose His will over our will
    - i. We will confess those places where we want our own way
    - ii. We will ask God to help us trust and obey His will
      - Jesus' prayer in the garden (Matthew 26:39)
      - Not my will but your will be done
  - d. That we will have courage to stand up under trouble
    - Jesus' prayer for us (John 17:15)
    - Not praying to be saved from trouble but to stand up under it

#### Reflection Questions:

What did you learn about God's will today?

Why is it sometimes hard to trust God's plan?

How did Jesus show He was trusting in God's will for Him?

How did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego show they were trusting God's will for them?

How can you show that you are trusting God's plan for your life?

### **Accountability**

1. What encouraged/discouraged you from this past week?
2. Without saying something that you are “doing”, describe your relationship with the Lord.
3. How have you worshipped the creation rather than the Creator?
4. What lies have you been believing?
5. Describe the situation around one relationship that you would like prayer for?
6. Which spiritual discipline has really blessed you recently? Why?
7. Which spiritual discipline has been neglected lately? Why?

\*The group does NOT need to go through every one of these questions. Depending on the size of the group, this should be about the last 30 minutes of the study.

### **Mission**

1. Share briefly an update on how the relationship is going with the three people on your prayer tags.
2. What would the next step in one of these relationships look like? Each of you help brainstorm ways to further the relationship or take steps towards sharing the gospel.
3. In general, do you feel encouraged or discouraged in these three relationships?
4. How are you serving people, the Church, our city and/or the world?

### **Supplication**

Share your prayer requests with one another. Space is provided below to write them down. Use this to help remind you what to pray for each other during the week. In addition, there are a few questions to help you share requests.

What are your prayer requests regarding the truth this week?

In light of the discussion this week what do you need to pray for?

What are your prayer requests regarding any situations in your life this week?

Prayer requests from others in the group this week