

Lord, Teach us to Pray 2 – YOUR KINGDOM COME

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The Kingdom of God is the place of God's RULE & REIGN.

(Mark 1:14-15, Matt 5-7, 6:10,33)

From beginning to end, Jesus' ministry was about ANNOUNCING, DEMONSTRATING & EMBODYING the rule & reign of God.

- * We need His Kingdom to come IN us, THROUGH us & AROUND us.
- * We long for the day His Kingdom comes in GLORY, in FULNESS (Hab 2:14, Dan 2:44, Rev 11:15).

→ What does it mean that God's Kingdom is both present now and coming in fullness? How does that tension shape the way we pray and live?

→ Jesus announced, demonstrated, and embodied God's Kingdom. What might that look like for us today, individually or as a church?

→ "We need His Kingdom to come in, through & around us." Which of those 3 feels most needed for you right now & how can you pray for that this week?

How do those words shape our prayers, personally & corporately?

PERSONALLY: Shaping the HEART of the DISCIPLE

- a) Personal SURRENDER
- b) Kingdom PRIORITIES
- c) Future HOPE

→ How does praying "*Your Kingdom come*" help us with personal surrender? Where do you still find it hardest to 'bow the knee'?

→ What are some practical Kingdom priorities that should shape how you pray?

→ How does future hope — the promise of the Kingdom in glory — put a twist into every prayer?

CORPORATELY: Shaping the LIFE & MISSION of the church

- a) Direction for MISSION
- b) UNITY in SURRENDER
- c) INTERCESSION for the world (1 Tim 2:1-2)

→ What does our corporate (as a body) prayer life help shape our mission?

→ How does a shared posture of surrender create unity?

→ When we pray for our community or world (1 Timothy 2:1-2), what kinds of situations most need God's Kingdom to come?

We pray from a posture of SUBMISSION & EXPECTATION.

- * SURRENDER to the rule & reign of God in every way.
- * But with confident EXPECTATION that the purposes of the One who is able, mighty & sovereign will COME TO PASS.

THY WILL BE DONE

¹THY: Don't pray trying to CHANGE God's heart, but INVITING Him to change YOURS (Matt 26:39).

²WILL: Greek word means will, choice, inclination, desire, pleasure

- * His PROMISES express His will (Amos 5:24, Rom 10:13, Isa 54:17, Phil 4:19, Eph 3:16).
- * "... *as it is in heaven*" ... If you're unsure what or how to pray, ask what is this going to LOOK LIKE when we get to HEAVEN?

³BE DONE: Literally come to pass, come into existence, be wrought/finished.

→ How does it change your prayer life when you pray to be changed, not to change God? (Matthew 26:39)

→ God's promises express His will. Which promises do you find yourself praying most often, and why?

→ How might '*on earth as it is in heaven*,' change how you're praying for your circumstances right now?

PERSONALISED & PRACTICAL

¹What does it mean for you, right now, to pray, 'Your Kingdom come?'

- i) What or who around you needs to bow the knee?
- ii) Where do you personally still need to bow knee?
- iii) Where do you see brokenness & pain, and how can you invite God's Kingdom into that as you pray?
- iv) What does hope look like and how do I pray into that?

²What does it mean for you, right now, to PR, 'Your will be done?'

First prayer, obviously, is "Lord, Your will be done IN ME."

Additional Qs

- i) What situations might dramatically change if you start to pray the will of God over them?
- ii) What are the promises you need to throw at your problems? (1 John 5:14-15).
- iii) What does 'heaven on earth' look like in your home, church or community, and how could you pray towards that?

→ What situation or person are you being prompted to pray over this week with "*Your Kingdom come*" or "*Your will be done*"?

→ What promise of God can you 'throw at your problem' (1 John 5:14-15)?

Spend a few minutes praying through both petitions together: "Your Kingdom come" — for your homes, church & community, and "Your will be done" — in your lives, relationships & decisions.