



Well Prayed Kingdom Come

If you spend your whole life in pursuit of God's kingdom, you won't have wasted it. Whenever and wherever we prioritize his wishes and his will – not just collectively, but individually – we're bringing that kingdom a little closer to home. Every time we say YES to God and NO to our selfish desires, we usher in God's kingdom.

Scripture:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, YOUR KINGDOM COME, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10

"Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God."

Luke 8:1

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

"The pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:32-33

Icebreaker and Intro Questions:

1. If you planned your perfect day, what it involve (there are no rules/assuming money is no object)?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

Discussion Questions

3. How has this teaching series from the Lord's Prayer impacted your experience of prayer so far?

4. Read Luke 8:1 & Matthew 5:3 together as a group. How would you describe God's kingdom?
5. Eddie shared that in Jesus' time, for one kingdom to come, another one had to fall. This means when we pray for Jesus' kingdom to come, we must let go of ours. Is this difficult for you? Why or why not?
6. What about the kingdom of God challenges you? What comforts you?
7. Spend some time in prayer as a group. Give some time for silent prayer and each pray, "let your kingdom come, and let mine go." After a few minutes select someone to close out the group in prayer.

This week:

- You may have heard of "intercessory prayer" – but may or may not know what it means. Here's an explanation and definition from Adele Calhoun: "Intercessory prayer invites us into God's care and concern for us, our families and friends, and the entire world. No concern is too trivial for God to receive with loving attention. However, intercession is not a means of manipulating heaven into doing our will. Rather it is a way we become aware of God's prayer for a person and join in that intercession." What is God's agenda for those you love, those in our community, those around the world? Pray for those things to be done and for God to show you how you can be a part of His Kingdom on earth.
- Keep using the words of Jesus' prayer in Matthew 6 to guide your prayer times. Pray these words slowly, thoughtfully, and allow your body, mind and spirit to be focused on God as you say the words.
- We've put together several excellent resources for you to use during the Well-Prayed teaching series at West Side. Check out several Bible reading plans, video resources, and prayer tools at wschurch.org/resources.

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