

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THY KINGDOM COME
Matthew 6:10
The Lord's Prayer — Week 4

ICEBREAKER: Are you more of a rule breaker or a rule keeper? Why?

OVERVIEW: The Lord's Prayer is important for two reasons. First, to pray effectively you must have an accurate view of God. The Lord's Prayer helps us with that by teaching that God is "Our Father which art in heaven." Second, to pray effectively you must pray according to God's will. The Lord's Prayer helps us to do that by giving us six requests that are God's will. That makes the Lord's Prayer the prayer that never fails. It always gets results! In this discussion we will go deeper with the second petition, "Thy kingdom come."

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Describe your personal prayer life.
3. Tell about a time that God answered your prayers.
4. How do you handle unanswered prayers?

5. The second petition of the Lord's prayer reads, "Thy kingdom come." Read Matthew 6:33 and answer the following questions about the kingdom of God.
 - a. What are we to seek?
 - b. What does it mean to seek "first"?
 - c. How does one seek first the kingdom of God?
 - d. What is the promise of this verse?
6. Refer to Sunday's sermon and answer the following questions.
 - a. What is the kingdom of God?
 - b. How do the words "anticipation," "inauguration," and "consummation" help us to understand the kingdom of God?
 - c. What does it mean to pray, "Thy kingdom come"?
 - d. Are you concerned with building God's kingdom or your own? Explain.

The Last Word: "A monarch's kingdom is that area where everyone respects his will. Those living in God's kingdom respect and obey God's will. Those outside the kingdom refuse to submit to God's will." R.J.