

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM*

Matthew 6:13

The Lord's Prayer — Week 9

**ICEBREAKER:** Are you ever a high maintenance person? Explain.

**OVERVIEW:** This week we are wrapping up our study of the Lord's Prayer. The final line of the Lord's Prayer is often called the conclusion or the doxology. In this discussion we will go deeper with the meaning of the conclusion and how to incorporate it into our daily lives.

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. How has your perspective on prayer changed through this sermon series on the Lord's Prayer?
3. How has your private prayer life changed as a result of this sermon series?
4. Is there any part of the Lord's Prayer that you are still struggling to understand?
5. Some scholars believe that the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer comes from David's doxology in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13. Read this passage and answer the following questions.
  - a. What is the context of David's praise? In other words, what happened in David's life that prompted his doxology?
  - b. List the attributes of God mentioned in this passage.

- c. What does "May you be blessed, Lord God" mean? (Verse 10.)
  - d. Verse 13 says, "... we give you thanks and praise...." That is the difference between thanking God and praising God?
6. Read Matthew 6:13 and refer to Sunday's sermon to answer the following questions.
- a. What is a doxology?
  - b. Why is the doxology missing from some Bible versions?
  - c. What are the three things this doxology tells us to praise God for?
  - d. What is the meaning of "For thine is the kingdom"?
  - e. What is the meaning of "For thine is... the power"?
  - f. What is the meaning of "For thine is... the glory"?
  - g. What is the meaning of the word "Amen"?

**The Last Word:** "We never get beyond this prayer; not only is it the Lord's first lesson in praying, it is all the other lessons too." —J.I. Packer