



Life Group Study Notes

"Kingdom Come"

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Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What kind of prayer do you find yourself praying?
- What kinds of things do you worry about?
- What kinds of things do you feel need to be changed in your life in light of God?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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Matthew 6:7-13 “ And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this...”

When you hear someone pray you are getting an insight into their heart, and their desires. Here we see the Lord's prayer. We are getting insight into God's heart, and His desires. “Let your Kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” On top of giving the disciples confidence that God hears their prayers, and that God understands what they need, even before they ask, Jesus also includes them into God's mission, that God's kingdom would come, and His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. Not only do we have confidence that God knows what we need, but we must also begin to realize the call for each of us to take part in God's mission

Matthew 6:25-34 “ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your

heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

There are many things we can focus our life on. Worry and anxiety often consume our lives, and our energy. When you begin to see that God cares for you anxiety starts to fade. In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus shows us that God takes care of the birds, and even the lilies of the field. He then asks a question. If God takes care of the birds and the lilies how much more will God take care of your needs? In light of this we know we should not be anxious. Instead we must seek the kingdom and His righteousness.

So what does it look like to seek the Kingdom, and its righteousness, expressing the kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven? It starts first with honoring God in every area of our lives inward, and outward. God's kingdom coming, and His will being done on earth is first about each individual being transformed in their mind, will, and emotions, and then expressing the Kingdom to the rest of the world through that transformation.

Romans 12:1- 2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- In what ways is God calling you to participate in seeing God's kingdom come?
- What are some things you can do to begin to honor God in every area of your life?
- How are you going to pray, and what will you pray for the more you know God?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Pray that God would stir our hearts for the kingdom.
- Pray that God would transform us from the inside out.