

The Lord's Prayer week 2
Sunday January 10th, 2021

Matthew 6:5-13 (NLT, pg. 803)

Effective prayer is more about your perspective and posture than about your _____.

KJV version: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

“May your Kingdom come soon”

Matthew 13:1-9 (NLT, pg. 810)

God's kingdom is not just an _____ one.

John 18:36 (NLT, pg. 900) Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

Matthew 13:11-12 (NLT, pg. 810) He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.”

This phrase addresses three different aspects of faith:

God's kingdom being established in my own _____.

Matthew 13:18-23 (NLT, pg. 811)

Matthew 13:31-33 (NLT, pg. 811)

God's kingdom being eternally established with the _____ of Christ.

Matthew 13:47-50 (NLT, pg. 812)

Matthew 13:51-52 (NLT, pg. 812) Do you understand all these things?” “Yes,” they said, “we do.” Then he added, “Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old.”

God's kingdom being spread to _____ through me.

Matthew 13:23 (NLT) “The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

Final Thought: The world tells us to build our own kingdom. But the journey of faith leads us to fully surrender and submit to the one true King, and work at expanding His kingdom. What kingdom are you _____?

The Lord's Prayer week 2 discussion questions

How does the world tell us to build our own kingdom? As a follower of Jesus, we are committed to build His kingdom instead of our own. What does this practically look like in your daily life? Explain.

"May your Kingdom come soon" is a small phrase that addresses three big areas of our life and faith: our own hearts, the second coming of Christ, and the spread of the gospel. Is it surprising to you to find that much in this one phrase? Why or why not? Read Matthew 13:1-52. What do you learn from this passage about your own heart/faith? What do you learn from this passage about the second coming of Christ? What do you learn from this passage about the spread of the gospel?

Re-read Matthew 13:11-12. How does it make you feel, as a disciple of Jesus, that you are "permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven"? At the end of the passage (verses 51-52) the disciples tell Jesus that they understand. Do you think they really did? Why or why not? Do you understand the Kingdom of Heaven better now? Why or why not?

Read John 18:28-40. Do you think Pilate understood how the Kingdom of Heaven worked? Why or why not? How/why do you think this conversation with Pilate ended up at the topic of truth? Explain. Read Matthew 13:51-52. How do these words of Jesus tie into this exchange with Pilate? (to go deeper you can reference John 14:6, John 17:17, John 16:33, John 8:31-32) How does/will a better understanding of God's kingdom help you in your faith journey? Explain.