

# WHEN WE PRAY

## Discussion guide | Luke 11:1-4

Read: Luke 11:1-4

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2 And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name. **Your kingdom Come.** 3 Give us each day our daily bread, 4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

Review: The 6 P’s

1. Presence – “Father”
2. Praise – “Hallowed be your name”
3. Purpose – “**Your kingdom come**”
4. Provision – “Give us each day our daily bread”
5. Pardon – “and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
6. Protection – “And lead us not into temptation”

**Starter:**

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- When you hear the word “kingdom,” what comes to mind?
  - What is a kingdom?
  - What are the aspects of a kingdom?

**Digging Deeper**

- How would you describe God’s Kingdom?

**A simple definition is to think of the kingdom = God’s reign and rule.**

### **Read: Genesis 1:26-28**

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them **have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- How has God created human beings to steward His Kingdom?
- How has the “rival kingdom” created a disruption to that rule?

### **Read: Revelation 22:1-5**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the **throne of God and of the Lamb** <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree **were for the healing of the nations**. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will **worship him**. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

- What do you notice about the role of humanity in the Kingdom age to come?

On Sunday, Pastor Kyle said that we are living in the space between Genesis 1 and Revelation 22.

- What do you think he meant by that statement?
- We heard the phrase, “Already but not yet.” How is the kingdom of God already here? In what ways is it yet to come?

### **Look over Matthew 5-7**

- What does it look like when the Kingdom comes?

### **Live and Love Like Jesus Right Where You Are = God’s Kingdom Come RWYA**

1. Love for our enemies
2. Praying for those who persecute us.
3. Reconciling with those who have offended us.
4. Giving to those in need without the motivation of recognition.
5. When we see our money as a resource for growing God’s Kingdom.

### **Putting into Practice**

- Why is praying “Your Kingdom Come” a rebellious prayer?

- What is one area of your life that you are hesitant or even unwilling to pray this way?

Here are a few questions for your group to consider either together or individually.

- **What if God's Kingdom and what he wants is different than what I want?**
- **What if the expansion of God's Kingdom means a downsizing of my Kingdom?**
- How can we pray "Your Kingdom Come" with confidence?

**Read Luke 22:39-46**

39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. 40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." 43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

- How do we see Jesus modeling the prayer of "Your Kingdom Come"?
- Why do you think Jesus was filled with such agony in this moment? How can Jesus' commitment to "Your Kingdom Come" give us the confidence to pray the same way?

**Pray and ask that our gracious Father would sync up heaven and earth for His glory. And that your group would be a willing vessel for His Kingdom Come!**