



“Prayer – Your Kingdom”
Growth Group Questions for Week 2 in a 6-week Series

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Scripture: Matthew 6:10
Series: “Prayer” – Week 2 of 6

PART 1 - REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does “Your kingdom come” reveal about the nature of God’s kingdom?
2. How do you think Jesus’ original listeners would have understood the language of “kingdom?” Is it different from our understanding today?
3. What does it look like for “God’s will” to be done “on earth as it is in heaven”?
4. How do you think this particular verse connects with the larger themes found throughout the rest of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7)?
5. In what areas of your life is it hardest to pray “Your will be done?”
6. What fears or desires make surrendering to God’s will difficult?
7. Have you seen God’s will work itself out in a way that was in opposition to your own plans? What was it like to experience that?

8. How does praying this verse sync up with your priorities, ambitions, or control?
9. If God's kingdom were fully visible here at MPC, what might that look like?
10. What practical ways can you live as a citizen of God's kingdom this week?
11. How does this verse move prayer beyond personal needs to God's global purposes?
12. What habits help cultivate a heart that genuinely desires God's kingdom?

PART 2 - PRAYER TIME

Take time to pray for one another. Pray for the will of God to be lived out in the lives of all who are in attendance. Pray for each other in the places where God is calling each person to embody the Kingdom of God.

PART 3 - WAYS TO PRAY – "LECTIO DIVINA"

What is It?

Lectio Divina, Latin for "divine reading," is an ancient, meditative, and prayerful approach to Scripture that emphasizes listening to God's word rather than academic study. It involves slowly reading a short passage, reflecting on its meaning, responding in prayer, and resting in God's presence to foster personal communion.

How do you do it?

Lectio Divina typically consists of four movements:

Preparation and Set Up

Choose a verse or a passage from the Scriptures that you wish to pray. Typically, you want to keep it less than 5 verses. Place yourself in a quiet environment. Calm your anxieties and thoughts, and acknowledge God's presence. Offer a prayer to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance:

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my heart and mind to listen to your Word.

Step 1 – Read

Read the text slowly and prayerfully or listen to the text read to you. Listen for that one word or phrase that God has prepared for you. It helps to re-read the same text multiple times (2-4) to help quiet yourself interiorly and focus on God's voice. Listen and receive the word or phrase that God speaks to you.

Step 2 – Meditate

When a word or phrase strikes you, stop and rest with it. Repeat the word or phrase to yourself. Allow it to speak to you in a personal way by pondering the word in your heart, reflecting on what it means to you. Keep in mind that you are not trying to simply interpret the Scripture you are reading or listening to. You are trying to internalize the words of the Scripture. There is no right or wrong answer. Memorize that word or phrase and repeat it to yourself, allowing it to interact with your thoughts, hopes, memories, and desires.

Step 3 - Pray

Prayer is your response to God's word. It begins your dialogue with God that comes from your heart. Formulate a prayer, as a response to God. What do you want to say to the Lord in response to that one word or phrase spoken to you? Enter into a conversation with God about that word. If it helps, you can write your thoughts down to help formulate your prayer.

Step 4 – Contemplate

Rest in God's presence and receive His transforming embrace. Sit still with God, realizing that in this deep and profound relationship, words are not necessary. Be content and at peace with a wordless, quiet rest in God, which brings joy to the heart. Remember that contemplation is not your action or doing, rather it is allowing God to act in you

PART 4 – THURSDAY PRAYER NIGHT

On Thursday February 26 at 7:00pm, we will gather in the Sanctuary and practice Lectio Divina together. All are invited to join us as we experience the power of praying over the Scriptures together.

PART 5 – WAYS TO SERVE

Would your Growth Group be willing to help serve donuts and coffee on a Sunday morning? Click [HERE](#) to register for a month to serve together.