



Kingdom Come

“The Lord’s Prayer” Series

Matthew 6:10a, p. 811

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Introduction:

In Petition Two of the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray for the spread of God’s lordship over His creation.

The Text: Matthew 6:10a

- 1) Petition Two seeks for God’s Fatherly reign to spread on Earth.

- 2) Petition Two directs our attention towards God’s Kingdom.
 - a. The Parable of the Four Soils (Matthew 13:1-9): *The Kingdom is HERE and being accepted and rejected.*
 - b. The Parable of the Weeds (13:24-30): *The Kingdom is PRESENT and WORKING in our broken world.*
 - c. The Parable of the Mustard Seed (13:31-32): *The Kingdom starts SMALL but promises GREAT GROWTH.*
 - d. The Parable of the Leaven (13:33): *The Kingdom will one day PREVAIL over all worldly kingdoms and institutions*
 - e. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure (13:44): *The Kingdom is of great, sacrificial VALUE.*

- 3) The church is the “*sign, instrument, and foretaste*” of the Kingdom of God.
 - a. The church points people towards God’s coming Kingdom. (*SIGN*)
 - b. The church loves neighbor through acts of kindness and justice. (*INSTRUMENT*)
 - c. The church loves one another and points to God’s coming peace. (*FORETASTE*)

Response:

Praying for God’s Kingdom reign (Petition Two) calls us to trust in his **sovereignty** (control) and gives us a **hope-oriented posture** towards the world around us.

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1. Starter Question: What is one change you would like to see happen in the world today?
(example: a cure for cancer)
2. What are some of the main themes of Jesus' teaching? Would you consider the *Kingdom of God* one of them?
3. How does a biblical understanding of the word *kingdom* help explain the concept of the *Kingdom of God*? (hint: dynamic vs. static)
4. What does Jesus teach about the *Kingdom of God* through his parables in Matthew 13?
5. What have you learned about the *Kingdom of God* through his parables in Matthew 13?
6. How can Hope Church/your SG be a SIGN to the *Kingdom of God*?
7. How can Hope Church/your SG be an INSTRUMENT for the *Kingdom of God*?
8. How can Hope Church/your SG be a FORETASTE to the *Kingdom of God*?
9. What is one worry that you have in your life right now? How can this petition and God's fatherly reign minister to you through this trial/worry?
10. Do you have an optimistic or pessimistic attitude towards the world around you? How can this petition shape our view of the world as Christians?

Further study this week: Psalms 93 & 94 (Monday); Psalms 95 & 96 (Tuesday); Psalms 97 & 98 (Wednesday); Psalms 99 & 100 (Thursday); Matthew 25 (Friday)