



Pray Thy Kingdom Come

Sermon Discussion Questions - January 8, 2023

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Text

Matthew 6:5–14

Discussion Questions

1. What is prayer and why should we pray?
2. **Read Matthew 6:5–14.** The Lord's Prayer begins with an invocation, followed by six petitions that give proper priorities to our prayers. The first three petitions focus on the preeminence of God, and the final three focus on personal needs in a community context ("give *us* this day our daily bread...forgive *us* our debts...") What are some things we should regularly pray for? Why?
3. **Read Matthew 6:10 again.** Observe the three petitions in verse 10 and discuss what you think each phrase means in this verse.
4. Prayer is our confession that the world is broken and we cannot fix it. Prayer also is an act of faith and obedience in response to God's invitation to join Him in restoring this brokenness. Through prayer, we bring to God our requests and desires to see His kingdom come in our lives, our city, and among the nations. Spend some time discussing each of those three aspects. Specifically, what does it look like to desire and pray for the kingdom of God to advance (1) in your life, (2) in the city of Austin, and (3) among the nations?
5. What could it look like for you to be increasingly reliant on prayer in the year 2023? What changes or reordering of priorities might you need to make to grow in prayer?

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

