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“Your Kingdom come. Your will be done.”

Jesus’ very life and ministry modeled to his followers how we are to seek *more* of God’s presence in this world. In this request, the praying disciple asks God to increase more awareness of his love and power. In our prayers, we acknowledge that his ways are *best* and we thrive under his sovereign lordship. Asking for God’s kingdom to come is our way of inviting more of God into our lives, relationships, and our community.

- Can you think of a time that you someone asked for your expertise or advice? Why did they seek you instead of another?
- The first petition comes out of knowing who God is. Why is it important to *begin with Him*...before asking/expecting of the Father?
- What is God’s Kingdom? (See “Dig Deeper” section)
- How does this prayer (for God’s kingdom to come...) reveal the desire of our hearts?
- What would it look like if God’s kingdom came into your life, community, workplace, family, relationships?
- What is the connection between kingdom and will?
- How can God’s will be *both* known and unknown?
- Write down three things that the Bible has revealed to be the will of God. How are you seeking these truths in your life?
- Why is the prayer “your will be done” a dangerous prayer? What do we have to give up? How could God’s will disrupt (i.e. *transform*) your life?

(After the disciples asked Jesus teach them how to pray)

² And He said to them, “When you pray, say...

...‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

“To be human...is to desire the kingdom – some kingdom. To call it a ‘kingdom’ is to signal that we’re not talking only about some personal private Eden – some individual Nirvana –but that we all live and long for a social vision of what we think society should look like, too. That’s why there’s something ultimate about this vision: to be oriented toward some sense of the good life to pursue, some vision of how the world ought to be. To be human is to be animated and oriented by some vision of the good life, some picture of what counts as ‘flourishing.’ And we want that. We crave it. We desire it.”

James K.A. Davis, *You Are What You Love*

DIG DEEPER

Look at the following verses. What are the characteristics of the Kingdom of God revealed by/through Jesus?

Mark 1:15

Luke 17:21

Matthew 19:14-15

Luke 4:43, 8:1

Luke 11:20

Luke 10:9

Revelation 19:16