

Kingdom Prayers Matthew 6:9–10

SERMON OUTLINE

God is greater than we know & we often don't pray accordingly.

I. Kingdom Prayers are Holy Prayers

- A. Prayer is a holy means of communication
- B. Kingdom prayers honor our holy God
- C. We should pray in a way that only He can answer

II. Kingdom Prayers are Missional Prayers

- A. Worship leads to missional prayers and missional prayers lead to more worship
- B. God's mission is to show His glory to the world by gathering a redeemed people to Himself
- C. Kingdom prayers should show the goodness of God
- D. We should pray for more people to enter God's Kingdom

III. Kingdom Prayers are Persistent and Expectant Prayers

- A. Kingdom prayers don't give up; they rely on a faith in a good and perfect God
- B. God invites us to come to Him with our needs
- C. We should pray with expectation that God will respond

WHY WE DON'T PRAY KINGDOM PRAYERS

- We neglect to pray at all
- We are prideful and self-sufficient
- We are distracted

WHAT LEADS US TO PRAY KINGDOM PRAYERS

- Knowing the God of the Bible
- Love for God and for people
- Preaching the gospel to yourself

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Tell about a time when God answered your prayer(s).
2. Look at Pete's list of reasons why we don't pray. Do any of these reasons explain your struggles to pray consistently?
3. Look at Pete's list of what leads us to pray. Which of these disciplines do you need to put into practice in your life?
4. Spend some time with your group praying Kingdom prayers. Pray for God's Kingdom to come here on earth as it is in heaven. Ask God for opportunities to share the gospel and for people to believe and repent.

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

HOMEWORK

1. Spend some time evaluating your prayer life. Consider amplifying the time you spend in prayer. Consider how many of your prayers are self-focused rather than God-focused.
2. Choose a person or a people group to intentionally pray for.