


Sermon Big Idea	Helpful Resources
<p>Praying "<i>Your kingdom come, your will be done,</i>" is a bold request that seeks and welcomes God's "holy disruption" into everyday life.</p>	 <p>The Bible Project Guide: The Lord's Prayer</p>

Read the Text
<p>In your group, read the passage out loud, with each person reading a verse.</p>

Head: Grasping the Text
<p><i>Goal: To grasp the theological concepts and historical context of the text.</i></p>

- 1) The sermon traced the kingdom of God from the Old Testament through to Jesus. Read Psalm 145:11–13, 2 Samuel 7:12–13, 16, Daniel 2:44; 7:13–14, Isaiah 9:6–7, and Zechariah 14:9. What do these passages reveal about the nature of God's kingdom — and why did the exile feel like such a devastating crisis for God's people?
- 2) Read Luke 17:20–21. The Pharisees expected the kingdom to arrive loudly — with conquest, armies, and political power. Jesus reframes everything. What does Jesus mean when he says the kingdom is "in your midst"? This verse and other teachings from Jesus, what do they reveal about the kind of kingdom Jesus came to establish?
- 3) The sermon introduced the concept of "already but not yet" — the kingdom has arrived in Jesus but is not yet fully complete. Read Romans 8:22 and Matt. 4:17 alongside Luke 17:22–37. How do these passages together capture both dimensions of the kingdom? What has already happened, and what are we still waiting for?

Heart: Grasping the Internal Transformation
<p>Goal: Examine how the text reshapes our identity, affections, and motivations to bring about honest self-examination.</p>

- 4) The sermon described two common ways we approach prayer — like a corporate boardroom (pitching our agenda to God) or like a divine notary (asking God to stamp our already-made plans). Which of these resonates most honestly with how you tend to pray? What does that reveal about where you are placing your trust? The goal isn't shame or condemnation — it's self-awareness that opens the door to reordering our priorities.
- 5) Read Matthew 26:39. Jesus prays "your will be done" three times — not because the first two didn't count, but because surrender of that magnitude isn't achieved in a single moment. Is there an area of your life where you have been resistant to God's holy disruption — a corner you are still running as your own kingdom? What makes it hard to surrender that specific thing?
- 6) The sermon offered three clarifications about what surrendering to God's will is NOT — it's not passivity, not the elimination of desire, and not the suppression of honest emotion. Jesus named his anguish in Gethsemane before he surrendered to the Father's will. Which of these three misunderstandings have you believed at some point — and how has it affected the way you pray?

Hands: Grasping Your Next Step

Goal: To move from hearing the Word to living it out as a disciple with specific, practical, and achievable steps for the coming week.

- 7) The sermon challenged us to do a self-audit: in the last seven days, has any of your praying sounded like "your kingdom come"? This week, identify one specific area of your life — a relationship, a decision, a fear, a habit — and pray "your kingdom come, your will be done" over it every day. Come back next week ready to share what happened.
- 8) The sermon said the kingdom advances "one surrendered corner at a time" and that God uses the very circumstances we pray for him to remove to produce character, dependence, and Christlikeness that comfort could never produce. Think of a current difficulty in your life. How might God be using that circumstance not just to be endured, but to form something in you? What would it look like to pray into it rather than only pray out of it?
- 9) The sermon closed with this: you are not just trying to become a better version of yourself — you are participating in the most important movement in human history, the advance of God's kingdom from heaven to earth. It moves through people who pray. Who in your life needs to see a glimpse of "on earth as it is in heaven" through you this week — and what is one concrete act of kingdom living you can commit to before the group meets again?