



## Your Kingdom Come – Message 2

### Announcements

**The Other Side Wrap Celebration** // If you signed up to host a group during *The Other Side* series, we invite you for a time of celebration. Come worship and hear some clear next steps for you as a host.

- GCC Offices // Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- SSC Sanctuary // Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm
- LCC Sanctuary // Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

**She Believes Groups** // Women, starting March 12<sup>th</sup>, take your group on a 5-week study that will build your faith, encourage your heart and strengthen your relationship with God! Author Debbie Lindell will be our speaker at Women's Night (March 6th). Buy your book at the Bookstore for \$10. Go to [ChurchoftheKing.com/wn](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/wn) to learn more.

### Warm-up

Choose one or both of the warm-up questions to discuss.

- When was the first time you heard or learned the Lord's Prayer?
- Outside of church and home, where are some places you've heard the Lord's Prayer recited?

### Word and Application

We continue our series *The Lord's Prayer*, Jesus' response to the disciples desire to pray as he did. Last week, we learned that our prayer life starts with a clear picture of God, **Our Father**. This week we explore the second of six key elements of *The Lord's Prayer*, **Your Kingdom Come**.

What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase, *kingdom of God*?

**Read Matthew 6:9-13. Read Matthew 6:10.**

The kingdom of God refers to the *rule and reign of God*. We are told that the rulership of God is present in the hearts of those yielded to him. Based on the scripture we just read, how would you describe the "Kingdom of God"?

**Read Romans 14:17**

According to this verse, the kingdom of God is not a place – it is a “form of spiritual government.” Why do you think God uses these three components, righteousness, peace and joy, to express the kingdom of God? Which one most resonates with you in this season of life and why?

**Read 1 Corinthians 4:20.** What does this scripture mean to you? When we pray the kingdom of God, the kingdom of God comes in power. How does this truth affect your view of prayer? What are some specific ways to pray the kingdom of God into our lives?

Let's look at **Four Areas We Establish God's Kingdom.**

**1. Ourselves**

**James 5:16b** reads *The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.* As followers of Christ, we need to be in right standing with God in order for his kingdom to be established in us. This includes surrendering our will for the will of God. In essence, we are placing Jesus on the throne of our lives. What keeps you from surrendering your will to God's? What makes you want to surrender your will to God's?

**Read Psalm 139:23.** Why is this a great scripture to pray when struggling with surrendering our will?

**2. Our Family**

Why is praying the kingdom of God over our family so important? What are some practical things we can pray for our spouses, children, parents, etc.?

**Read Job 22:28.** Share a time when you saw the impact of your prayer for a family member.

**3. Our Church**

Here's where we can pray for our church family, pastors, leadership team, and congregation. More specifically, we can pray for faithfulness and harvest.

**Read Matthew 9:38 and Isaiah 43:4-6.** What do these passages say about faithfulness and harvest? Why do we need to pray these things for our church?

**4. Our Nation**

**Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2.** What does it mean for you to be a citizen of God's kingdom? How has God called us to pray for our Nation? What is most concerning to you regarding the issues our nation faces and how can you pray for those concerns?

Which of the above four areas could you pray more for? Make a commitment this week to begin praying and establishing the Kingdom in that particular area.

**Prayer**

Take a private moment in prayer. Ask the Lord what He is asking you to surrender to Him? Begin establishing the kingdom of God over that area and place them in the Father's hand through prayer. Then pray for the specific needs of the group.