



Yours Is – Message 6

Announcements

Easter Services // Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/Easter for Good Friday Communion Services and Easter Service Times for each campus.

Fight Groups // Men, host a Fight group, starting March 26th. Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/mn to learn more.

Warm-up

What is your favorite song that lifts up the name of Jesus? When did you first hear it? Why did it capture your heart?

Word and Application

Today we will discuss the sixth and final lesson in the series entitled, *The Lord's Prayer: Pray Like Jesus Prayed*. Remember the *Lord's Prayer* isn't a prayer to recite in repetition; it's a model that can be a powerful tool in our lives.

Read Matthew 6:9-13. How does this prayer open and close? How does praise and declaring how God is making a difference in our prayer life? In our daily life?

We Praise Continually

Praise is one of the Bible's most dynamic commandments! Scripture says we are to praise the Lord at all times. In fact, many battles are won by our praise rather than by our own human efforts. The battle in the book of Joshua was won by praise, not artillery. Also, the battle in 2 Chronicles 20 was won by the singers going before the army singing praise to God. When we the people of God come into His presence with praise, warfare is waged against our enemies!

Read Hebrews 13:15. What does it mean to continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God? As a group, brainstorm practical ways to give God praise throughout the day.

We Praise When We are at Rest

Read Deuteronomy 8:10. In times when things are good, instead of forgetting about God, we need to press in even more with praise. Praise Him for going before us, even before we know we need something. All we have to do is praise. All we have to do is worship, to bow down and stay still. Share

with the group about a time when you truly learned what it meant at a heart level to praise the Lord, beyond religion.

We Praise in the Midst of Trials

In Acts 16, we see Paul and Silas in prison, at midnight, singing praises to God. Their chains shattered by an earthquake. The keeper of the prison is saved – along with his entire household. Paul and Silas are released from prison the next day.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. How can your life look different if you started to press in with your highest praise during your toughest times? What would our nation look like if we encouraged even just one person to do the same? How would that impact the kingdom?

The Power of Praise

The model prayer Jesus gave us opens and closes with praise. It also opens and closes with references to God's kingdom. After we have prayed through the Lord's Prayer, Jesus instructs us to return to praise.

Why did Jesus include the words, "For yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever"? *It's an invitation.* As we study the Scriptures, we learn God our Father has lovingly invited us to be *participants in His kingdom, conduits of His power, and vessels for His glory.* Let's look at these three concepts today and see how you can experience each one of these as you learn to pray this dynamic prayer.

1. *Yours is the kingdom.*

God's kingdom is an invisible, yet very tangible kingdom here on earth. He wants us to participate in the kingdom that He has given each of his children as a foundation to build our life.

Read Luke 12:32, Colossians 1:12-14 & 2 Timothy 4:18. Name one thing in your life that you are thankful for because of the kingdom of God.

2. *Yours is the power.*

Read 1 Chronicles 29:12, Psalm 145:10-12 & Ephesians 6:10. God rules by His power forever. He made the earth and heavens. He gives that strength and power to His children who are also members of the kingdom. Share with the group a time where you saw God's power and majesty in His creation and it encouraged you in your situation.

3. *Yours is the glory.*

Read Psalm 19:1 & 2 Chronicles 5:13-14. The Old Testament word for glory is *kabod*, it means "honor and weightiness." It is also used to congratulate someone for a job well done. Jesus is encouraging us, as we wrap up the final words of this prayer, "Declare the glory of God over your life and give Him glory by how you live your life." As we humble ourselves in prayer and praise to Him, we can experience God's glory.

How does praising the Lord invite His presence and glory in a tangible way? How will your prayer life change based on today's lesson?

Prayer

Praise God for all the good He is doing in your life. Thank Him for His kingdom, power, and glory that is yours! Pray for the specific needs of the group.