



## Week 2 - Thy Kingdom Come

**Series Passage:** Matthew 6:9-14

**Focus for the Week:** Matthew 6:10, Isaiah 11:1-9

### **Discussion Guide:**

Prayer is one of the most essential parts of the Christian life. If we are not in communication with God, how can we grow in our relationship with and understanding of Him? Prayer is so central that Jesus himself took the time to give us an outline of how to pray; the Lord's Prayer.

**Pray together:** Matthew 6:9-14

This week we will be looking specifically at the second petition of this prayer; "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10). One of our confessional documents, the Heidelberg Catechism goes into detail about the Lord's prayer.

**Read:** Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 123 (below)

*Q. What does the second petition mean?*

*A: "Your kingdom come" means:*

*Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you.*

*Preserve your church and make it grow.*

*Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word.*

*Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.*

**Q:** What stands out to you from this definition provided by the HC?

**Q:** Is there anything in this definition about "your kingdom come" that you hadn't considered before?

**Q:** How does this petition work as a call to action for us who pray these words?

**Q:** What areas of our lives do we need to submit to God so that His kingdom may come?

### **Finishing Well**

"Your kingdom come" is both a call to action for us today and also the hope that we have for the future. Jesus is victorious! The triumphant King who has conquered sin and death!

We live in the tension, for we know this victory has been won, but we are still waiting for that triumphant return and establishing of this new kingdom.

While we wait for that glorious day, let us keep this picture of Christ's kingdom at the front of our minds and prayers.

**Read:** Isaiah 11:1-9

### **Close in Prayer**