

Below as in Above
For the kingdom....

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

*"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.*

*¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

*¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

-Matthew 6:9-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. -1 Chronicles 29:10-11 (ESV)

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" -Revelation 5:13 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- How do you usually end your prayers? Does it matter how you chose to end your prayers?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Matthew 6:9-13, how does the prayer end? Is there a part missing that we might normally say in church? Do you think this is something we just make up?
- Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-11 and Revelation 5:13, do these verses sound familiar? What is it saying about God in these verses?
- Why do you think we would add something similar to the end of the Lord's prayer as we read in the verses above?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Some prayers start with praising God, some end with them, and some have both. But why is praising God important in prayer?
- How often are your prayers praising God? God cares about our needs and wants to hear them but how would you feel if someone you knew only asked you to do things for them and never thanked you?
- Does God need our praise? How do you feel when you say the words: "For His is the Kingdom, The Power and The Glory. Forever and ever Amen?" What are the benefits we receive by saying this praise or any form of praise?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- How will you add more praise to God in your prayers this week?
- What will be your main take away from this study? How will it affect your prayer life from now on?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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