

Below as in Above Your Kingdom Come....

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
– Matthew 6:10 (ESV)

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." ³⁴ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." - Matthew 13:31-35

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." - Matthew 13:45-52

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

- What is something that you have prayed for this past week?

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

- Read Matthew 6:10-11, What are we asking God in this petition of the prayer?
- What is the Kingdom of God? How can it come to us? (Second petition of the Lord's Prayer Luther's small Catechism if available)
- Read Mat 13:31-35, 45-52, What do all these parables have in common? What do these Parable teach us? (Look at Luther's Large Catechism Second petition)

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

- What do we know about God's will? How can God's will be done in us?
- Do you ever stop to consider God's will over your will? Why is God's will better?
- Why do we pray for these things if God's kingdom and will are going to happen anyways?

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

- How will you pray for God's Will this week?
- Take some time work on a prayer journal

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.