

## Hidden Kingdom Part 6 - "Thy Kingdom Come" (3-14-21)

**Introduction:** Submarine movies

### 1) The Purpose of Prayer

**Jesus teaches on prayer** ("The Lord's Prayer" - Matthew 6:5-15)

#### **Matthew 6:5-6 (ESV)**

(5) "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. (6) But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**Note:** Prayer is not about being seen, it's about seeing!

Example of Jesus living this . . .

#### **John 5:19-20a (ESV)**

(19) So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. (20) For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.

**\*Back to Jesus teaching on prayer** (Matthew 6)

#### **Matthew 6:7-10 (ESV)**

(7) "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. (8) Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. (9) Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. (10) Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Note:** Prayer is not about manipulating outcomes, it's about inviting and surrendering to God's outcome

Example of Jesus living this . . .

#### **John 8:28-29 (ESV)**

(28) So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. (29) And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

**Summary:** Prayer is essential to seeing & surrendering to the Kingdom of God. The hidden becomes reality!

## 2) The Place of Prayer

### Luke 5:15-16 (ESV)

(15) But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. (16) But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

**Note:** This was his habit, his method, a way of life for him.

**Examples** - Jesus prays often:

In the morning . . .

### Mark 1:35 (ESV)

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

In the evening . . .

### Matthew 14:23 (ESV)

And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone

Before major decisions . . .

### Luke 6:12-13 (ESV)

(12) In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. (13) And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:

In facing difficulty & death . . .

### Matthew 26:36 (ESV)

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

For effectiveness and power in ministry . . .

### Mark 9:29 (ESV)

And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

**Summary:** When I give prayer its rightful place, God's Kingdom permeates my life!

Prayer was Jesus' posture in life (Example: Basketball posture - triple threat!)

The disciples were witness to how much Jesus prioritized prayer . . .

### Luke 9:18 (ESV)

Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him.

### Luke 9:28 (ESV)

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

The disciples observed how much Jesus prioritized prayer, and they had to know his secret . . .

### 3) The Secret of Prayer

#### Luke 11:1 (ESV)

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

**Note:** (Luke 11:2-13) - Jesus teaches “The Lord’s Prayer” & tells a story: The “annoying” neighbor

#### Luke 11:9-13 (ESV)

(9) And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. (10) For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (11) What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; (12) or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? (13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

**Note:** The secret - the gift of the Holy Spirit!

#### John 14:8-10 (ESV)

(8) Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” (9) Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? (10) Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

**Note:** Philip says - if we could just “see” God we’d be ok! Jesus says, look at my life: I don’t “see” the Father, yet we are deeply connected!

#### John 14:16-17 (ESV)

(16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

**Note:** The hidden is revealed in intimacy with the Spirit . . .

#### John 14:19-21 (ESV)

(19) Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. (20) In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. (21) Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

**Note:** Meaningful connection with the unseen God leads to Kingdom obedience, and seeing Kingdom life!

#### John 16:13-15 (ESV)

(13) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (14) He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (15) All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Note:** Kingdom Life - living in connection with the Trinity!

**Conclusion:** Prayer - developing intimacy with God is the secret to Kingdom living!