It's kingdom time!

Ice-Breaker: (Group Leader - Have everyone in your group answer this question. Start with one person and then proceed around the group in a circle until the last person has answered. Be specific with who you would like to start with.)

• What are you "DONE" with right now?

Reflection Statement: Recognition of a desire to be done with something is a soul position desiring perfection to come.

Tough Questions to Consider: (Group Leader - Ask 3 or 4 specific people to answer these questions.) 1. What does God think of you being "DONE" with something right now?

Exercise: Rephrase this verse in your own words

• May your Kingdom come soon. (Matthew 6:10a)

TEXT Matthew 6:10 (Group Leader - Ask someone to read the text out loud.)

May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

In the meantime: While I desire your kingdom to come soon, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Group Question: (Group Leader - Ask 2 or 3 specific people to answer these questions.)

- What does here, not yet mean to you?
- What is God's will?
 - 2 Peter 3:9
 - The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

A Great Read: (Group Leader - Ask 1 person to read the following.)

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Praying for the will of God to be done in and through our lives on earth, as it is in heaven, means that we are willing to go through whatever might prevent that purpose from being accomplished. Our prayer is that we want to be so aligned with the will and purpose of God that we ask God to empower us to accomplish it. The prayer is a battle-cry in the struggle to bring about God's purposes on earth. We are praying that we and others might be the means whereby God's purpose might be accomplished: that the justice and peace of God's kingdom will become a reality in peoples' lives.

"When we are to pray, "Thy will be done", we are not praying for resignation; we are praying for triumph." (William Barclay) Prayer is not an invitation to passivity, to acquiescence in what has happened, but is a means to fortify our resolution to fight for what is right, noble and true, whatever is pure, lovely and admirable. It is to pray for the spirit of victory, not the spirit of defeatism. It is to pray for perseverance until the victory is won, rather than surrender by retreating from the conflict.

"The prayer of consent, assent – my 'Yes' to the divine will is not a fatalism or submission to the status quo or to tragedy. It is not a resigned 'God wills it". The prayer of assent will mean the allying ourselves with the great warrior Christ, to do battle with his enemies." (Donald Coggan) That enemy may be sin, or ignorance, or sickness, or injustice, or pure selfishness. And if that means tiredness, or discomfort, or rejection, or jealousy, we must take that as part of the price to be paid.

Group Question: (Group Leader - Ask 2 or 3 specific people to answer these questions.)

- 1 Corinthians 13 give great action to living out God's love for others. Which one of these specific postures of love speaks to you personally?
 - (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being

wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

<u>**Closing Challenge:**</u> (Group Leader - Ask everyone to answer the challenge.)

- Will you walk out love for others? This is a display of God's love for them.
- Will you share Jesus with someone this week if the opportunity avails itself?

<u>Closing Memorization:</u> (Group Leader - Ask the group to quote this from memory.)

• Our Father in Heaven. May your name be kept Holy. May your kingdom come, soon. May your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Thanks: Thanks to everyone for coming to group.