



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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READ

- Read Matthew 6:5-15, focusing on verse 10, and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- What does it mean to pray for God's kingdom to come? How is God's kingdom different from how we typically think of kingdoms?
- Why do you think we must pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven? What does this imply about the importance of prayer?
- Why might it be significant to have so many God-centered prayer requests prior to any personal requests?

APPLY

- How does Jesus' emphasis on the Kingdom of God challenge our tendency toward individualism?
- Where do you resist God's will in your life? What would it look like for you to both pray for God's will to be done and to act in line with it?
- How do you think praying this verse daily could reshape your desires and ambitions?
- How should this prayer shape our communal focus on mission?

PRAY

- Break into groups of 2-5 (same gender). Sharing only what you feel comfortable and willing to, share any ways you find you find yourself avoiding obedience to God's will or kingdom. As you pray for each other, pray that God's will would be done in Knoxville as in heaven. Pray that the Kingdom of God would continue to advance in our city, to the glory of God.