

YOUR KINGDOM COME
ASKING OUR KING – LUKE 11:1-13
SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – JANUARY 19

We began our mini-series on prayer reflecting on the nature of God as a our Father. This past weekend we turned to reflect on God as King and what it means to be bear witness to his kingdom, especially in our own prayers. **READ LUKE 11:1-13 & MATTHEW 6:10.**

1. The image of king & kingdom is fairly straightforward, but when we start thinking about the reality and nature of God's kingdom, things can get fuzzy. In *Seek First*, pastor Jeremy Treat defines the kingdom as *God's rule through God's people over God's place*.
 - a. Do you find this definition to be helpful?
 - b. Do you see any connections between this definition and Matthew 6:10?
 - c. What are some specific ways we can *point to* or *preview* God's kingdom?
2. Pastor Curtis identified two common obstacles to prayer. The first is our aversion to feeling weak or dependent. Do you find this to be true in your life? Is there a specific area (or areas) in your life that you avoid bringing before God out of a false sense of strength?
3. The second obstacle Curtis identified is our tendency to assume that God is absent and uninvolved *in the present*. What are some ways you can fight against this functional disbelief?
4. We have a King who provides, purifies, and protects.
 - a. What would you like to ask him for? Do you feel free to make this request?
 - b. Over what do you need to ask for forgiveness?
 - c. How have you experienced God break the power of sin, idolatry, or fear over you?

PRAY

Take the things that have surfaced in discussion before the our good Father & King.

Here are the areas we are praying for The Journey as a whole:

- Wisdom, direction, holiness, and spiritual protection for our leaders (Prov. 29:18; Jn. 17:15)
- Freedom for the marginalized, poor, and oppressed (Isa. 58:6-12)
- Salvation for the unsaved (2 Cor. 4:4; Rom. 10:1)
- Provision for our church (2 Cor. 9:6-11; Matt. 9:37-38)
- Understand of and favor with our neighborhoods (Col. 4:2-6; Acts 17)
- Increased prayer and dependence (Mark 11:17; 1 Timothy 2:1)