

Sermon Text

When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."

Luke 11:1-4

Preparing for Jesus' return

Don't just have a **RELIGION** but have a **RELATIONSHIP** with God

Don't just be associated to a **DENOMINATION** but be a **DISCIPLE of Jesus**

Don't just be a Christian by name but be CHRISTLIKE

4 Points – Last week



- Discipleship
- Lord, teach us
- Relationship
- Father, Hallowed be your name
- Kingdom
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- Community
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<u>Discipleship</u> is to daily following the unseen Jesus, to be his student, abiding in Him, learning from him, acting on His instructions, to be ever transforming to be like Him and to bear fruit for ourselves, for others and for God.

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Seeing "The Lord's Prayer" as an invitation from Jesus to a different <u>way of living</u> to have a deeper life with God

Father

He said to them, "When you pray, say: "'Father"

Ephesians 3:14-17

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the <u>Father</u>, ¹⁵ <u>from whom every family</u> in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that <u>out of his glorious riches</u> he may <u>strengthen</u> you <u>with power through his Spirit</u> in your <u>inner being</u>, ¹⁷ so that <u>Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith</u>.

Ephesians 3:18-19

And I pray that you, being <u>rooted</u> and <u>established in</u> <u>love</u>, ¹⁸ may <u>have power</u>, <u>together with all the Lord's holy people</u>, <u>to grasp</u> how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and <u>to know</u> this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may <u>be filled</u> to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Kingdom

Your kingdom come

Gospel of the Kingdom & Jesus (Matthew 4:23 – 5:2)

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, (PROCLAIM) it)

and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. (LIVE)

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.... *The Beattitudes*..(TEACH it)

Gospel of the Kingdom & Paul (Acts 20)

²² "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. ²⁵ "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. 26 Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

Community

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Summary

- The Lord's prayer is an invitation by Jesus to live different kind of life.
- It is not just going to church rather it is to have an intimate relationship with God now.
- The kingdom of God is not just going there, it is living it here as well.
- Kingdom's way of life is not a private affair, we are part of God's one big family.
- No one is perfect. We all have needs. God is still perfecting each of us.
- Forgiveness. Receive it, release it, it is part of our new way of life.
- Sin is present everywhere, stay away from it and have no part in it.