



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Week 2

## BREAKING THE ICE

Is there a specific prayer you pray often? Would you be willing to share it with the group?

How did reading the Lord's Prayer change your prayer time in the last week?

## MAIN CONTENT

Start this week by reading the Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13

This week Pastor Kevin continued talking about the Lord's Prayer. We focused on the statement, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven". It's easy to say your will be done, but it's a lot harder to follow through with that statement.

Pastor Kevin started with the question, "what do you do when your world feels out of control?" He went on to talk about how he experienced trying to hold onto his life when 2020 threw us all some curveballs.

1. What do you do when your world feels out of control?

We tend to love the idea of God being in control until something gets out of our control. Then we can start to worry with the "what ifs" of life..... What if this happens or what if things don't go like I want it to.

2. What kind of "what ifs" have been going on in your life?

We have the opportunity to draw as near to God as we want and talk about our "what ifs". We can approach Him with our prayers and submit our lives to Him. Jesus was an example of what it looks like to pray, He was in constant communication with the Father. Prayer for Jesus was like breathing.

3. How often do you approach God in prayer with what is going on in your life? What keeps you from approaching Him with what is going on in your life?

When things get hard we tend to busy ourselves and not think about it instead of going to God in prayer.

Read Isaiah 26:3

When we pray the prayer of surrender, "Your kingdom come, You will be done on earth as it is in heaven" we are surrendering our lives to God. We are turning our "what ifs" to "even ifs".

4. Where do you need to change your "what ifs" to "even ifs" in your life right now?

We have to get to the point where we quit white knuckling (controlling) our lives and raise the white flag of surrender. God doesn't always give us what we want but He does give us what we need.

5. Talk about a time where God gave you what you needed but maybe not what you were asking for. How did that affect your life?

When we live with open hands to trust God and what He has for His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven we live a life that is tied to what He has for us. He can move in our lives in ways we may not even think about.

6. What do you need to trust God with in your life right now?

## CLOSING PRAYER

God we are grateful for your Son. For the way you love us and have the best for us in mind. Help us move from our "what ifs" to "even ifs". Teach us to pray God and help us trust you with things we need to let go. Guide us and direct us, put people in our lives that can support us and help point to you. In Jesus name, amen.

## ACTION STEP

+Continue to pray the Lord's Prayer every morning and night. Come back next week to talk about what you see God do in your life when you engage Him in prayer every day.

+ Ask God what you need to surrender in your life. Write it down and ask someone in your group to help you be accountable to continually give that back to God.

+ Make a list of your "what ifs" and pray and ask God to specifically take those "what ifs" and turn them into "even ifs". Keep track of how those change in your life and how it affects you.