



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Week 6

## BREAKING THE ICE

Which week of the Lord's Prayer messages has been the most impactful for you and why?

Talk about a time when anxiety had you forget something important.

## MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Kevin finished the series on the Lord's Prayer by teaching us about the doxology statement, "For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever, amen."

Pastor Kevin started the message by letting us know we don't need to be perfect to have someone who can be present with us and who believes in us. He used a quote by Arne Garborg, "To love a person is to learn the song that is in their heart and to sing it to them when they have forgotten." When we are anxious, we forget the song within us and need someone to come alongside us to remind us.

1. Who has believed in you and reminded you of the song within you?

A doxology is a prayer and an inspiration. A celebration of how to live in a thine is the kingdom kind of life.

Read 1 Chronicles 29:11

It's believed that the doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer was added from this scripture. The doxology at the end of the scripture is a celebration of God's kingdom and how it is a part of our lives.

2. After reading that scripture, how are you tangibly seeing God's kingdom and power in your life?

We tend to act like mine is the kingdom and mine is the power. We try to control things. We can get pretty far in life by convincing ourselves that we have an illusion of control, but there is a kingdom and power bigger than ours.

Without living out the doxology of God's kingdom, power and glory, we can move toward idolatry. We are most tempted to exalt ourselves. We go within ourselves to tell ourselves who we are.

### 3. Who in your life is telling you who you are?

When we let others or ourselves tell us who we are, we become dissatisfied because we feel we aren't where we think we should be. We tend to not give ourselves enough grace and we give others grace more easily than ourselves. We think God has displeasure in us, but that's not true. He delights in us!

To live a thine is the kingdom life we need to cup our hands and look up to God.

### 4. What do you believe God thinks about you? How does your thinking need to change to reflect his pleasure in you? How can you remind yourself to know what God says about you?

We need to see how God sees us and also we need to cup our hands to see how God sees others.

Read Proverbs 20:

### 5. When was the last time you told someone what you see inside of them? What was the experience like for you and them?

Group leaders; if you feel comfortable, take time to speak words of encouragement to group members at this moment. Speak to them about what you see in them and what God sees in them. Allow them to speak words of encouragement to one another.

We need to remind people of what God has called them to, who they are and the gifts He has placed inside them.

To live a thine is the kingdom life, we cup our hands to receive His power. When we do this we are saying to God everything is His: our lives, our kids, our finances, our jobs, our dreams, our school. We need your grace and power to live the life you have called us to and to trust you with everything we have.

### 6. What do you need to let God have power over in your life?

To live a thine is the kingdom life we need to lift our hands and give God the glory. He is the one who gives us everything we have. He has control, we don't. He loves us and He sees the best in us. We give Him glory for all the things He has done and continues to do in our lives.

### 7. Where have you tried to take the glory or credit in your life and where do you need to give God the glory?

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

AGod, thank you for providing us with a way to pray and glorify you. Thank you for everything you have done for us. For loving us, giving us mercy and grace. For being present in our lives. Help us to remember to look to you to tell us who we are, to ask for your power, to give you the glory, and to nudge us to remind people what you see in them. Give us words of encouragement to share with others. Help us live out your kingdom, power and glory, amen.

## **ACTION STEP**

- + If you have not signed up for Serve the City, you still have a chance. Sign up and serve with your group on September 24.
- + This week, tell three people what God sees inside of them and what you see inside of them.
- + Think of one thing to give God glory for every day this week. Write it down so you can remember it.