

Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Pray Like Jesus

Sermon Title: Part 3 – Reign in Me

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Gospel Gain: God's kingdom advances as Jesus reigns in His people and in His church.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

When you hear the word **kingdom**, what comes to mind?

What characteristics do you think make a strong kingdom?

How would a person build their own kingdom?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this series we desire to take a fresh look at a familiar prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples. The Lord's Prayer has much to teach us. Each week we will take a phrase of the prayer and seek to apply it to our daily life. Today's message is about God's kingdom.

Matthew 6:9-13 - Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The phrase – ***your kingdom come*** – is a reference to God's spiritual reign in the hearts of people and the church. As we pray this prayer, we are reminding ourselves that God is to be reigning in our lives and ministry.

God's kingdom is both ***now*** and ***not yet***. How would you explain that concept to someone?

Read: Mark 1:14-15

What is Jesus announcing about the kingdom of God in these verses?

How are people to respond to what Jesus is declaring?

What does repentance and belief look like for people today?

How can we bring this priority into our everyday conversations?

Read: *Luke 22:18*

As Jesus shares the last supper with his disciples, he makes this statement.

If the kingdom of God arrived with Jesus, how can Jesus say he will not drink this again until the kingdom comes?

What are some of the things we can celebrate with the coming of the kingdom of God through the arrival of Jesus?

What are some of the things we will not be able to celebrate until we get to heaven or until Jesus returns and we experience God's kingdom in all its fullness?

Read: *Matthew 24:14*

What does Jesus tell us about the kingdom of God in this verse?

How does this verse connect to our mission efforts as a church and as Christians?

Read: *Matthew 9:35-38*

How does this passage challenge us to be kingdom builders?

What does a Christian do to be a part of building God's kingdom?

What does it look like to have Jesus reign in the life of Christian?

What does it look like to have Jesus reign in the life of the church?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

How can we help others become part of God's kingdom?

How can we help one another become builders of God's kingdom?

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.