



Community Group Study: The Purpose of Prayer
Breakthrough - Part 2 | Matthew 6:10 | week of April 30

GETTING STARTED

- What are some common reasons why people struggle with prayer?
- From those reasons listed by your group, identify the factors that consistently have the greatest (negative) impact on your prayer life.

CONTEXT

- Read Matthew 6:9. What do we learn about God and about prayer from the opening address and petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Read Matthew 6:10.

OBSERVATION

- What do the three opening petitions of the Lord's Prayer (6:9b-10) have in common?

MEANING

- What is the kingdom of God? How does it differ from the kingdom of this world? (Consider the ruler, people, desires, and destiny of each.)
- Why can we rightly say that Jesus was (and is) a king but not a tyrant?

- Explain the difference between the sovereign will and the commanded will of God. (If you need help, look to Isa 46:9-10 as an expression of God's sovereign will, and any moral command or teaching - like Matt 6:16-18 - as an expression of God's commanded will.)
- Why can we be sure that Jesus is teaching us to pray for the accomplishment of God's commanded will, rather than his sovereign will? What does this teach us about the purpose of prayer?

