



Oakwood

CHURCH

February 13 Discussion Questions

“Your Kingdom Come”

Matthew 6:19-34

PREVIEW

Total Surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ:

“Your Kingdom Come”

1. Repent of your **Rebellion** against Jesus (Matthew 3:2)
 - o Selfishness - “Not my kingdom”
 - o Idolatry - “No other kingdom”

The Kingdom for Jesus was the beginning of His personal reign on earth in the **Hearts** and **Lives** of all who would trust in and follow Him.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Matthew 13:45-46

“Your will be done”

2. Commit to Jesus as The **King**
 - o To Reign **in** you - directing every part of life (Matthew 6:33)

- o To Reign **through** you - loving and reaching people for Him (Matthew 5:13-16)

“The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” Matthew 13:31-32

“on earth as it is in heaven”

3. **Serve** Jesus as your King

- o **Know** His will - all you are and have is a gift from God (Romans 12:1)
- o **Do** His will - use all you are and have for Jesus and His kingdom (Matthew 7:24)

“For [the kingdom] will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away... And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” Matthew 25:14-15, 20-21

OPENING QUESTION

1. Do you enjoy riding roller coasters? Do you have a favorite?
2. Roller coasters give us a sense of control being lost. In return, we are forced to give way entirely to the ride. Can you recall a time in your life when you felt control being lost? How did it make you feel? How did you try to resolve the situation?

PRAY - Pray for God’s blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

READ THE PASSAGE — Matthew 6:19-34

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION QUESTIONS

3. Jesus' first and primary call of His ministry is found in Matthew 3:2. What is it? What does it mean? Why does our culture, even amongst Christians, struggle with this word?
4. Where does Jesus set up His kingdom on earth today? How is this different from what the Jews expected? What does it mean for Jesus to set up His kingdom in our hearts?
5. What is an area in your life that you need to submit entirely to King Jesus? Why has this been a struggle for you?
6. How do we lay up treasures in heaven compared to laying up treasure on earth? According to 1 Corinthians 13:3, what is the necessary motivation behind our kingdom investments?
7. Without giving financial details, is there something to which God is calling you to increase your generosity in kingdom investments? How might this stretch your faith?
8. What warning does Jesus give concerning our money in Matthew 6:24? How can you tell if money has become an idol for you personally?
9. According to Matthew 6:25-33, why are we not to be anxious?
10. To what degree does anxiety have a hold on your life? How does the anxiety manifest itself to you and others? What harm is it causing?
11. What is the antidote to anxiety? When and where do you most need to activate this?
12. Considering everything covered in this passage and discussion, how is God calling you to respond right now? (Encourage those who haven't spoken much to also share)

PRAYER

- Personal Request: Pray for joyful surrender to God's will in our world and in our personal lives.
- The Lord's Prayer for Kids: *"Lord, help me to look at things in my life and in my world through Your eyes. I know that You are always at work to do something great. I pray that all Your great plans come to pass the way You intend them to."*