

## Study Guide

Series: Sermons on the Lord's Prayer  
"Thy Kingdom Come"

**Monday** – Read Matthew 3:1-2, and 4:17-23. When Jesus began his public preaching ministry, it was with a proclamation of the Kingdom of God. How was it different to preach that “the Kingdom of heaven has come near” (or “God’s kingdom is here”—The Message) than to say “God’s kingdom will come someday”?

**Tuesday** – Read Psalm 145:11-13 and Isaiah 9:2-7. What do you see in these Old Testament promises about God’s kingdom that: a) Might have helped people understand Jesus' message about the Kingdom? b) Might have led people to expect something different than Jesus meant when he talked about the Kingdom?

**Wednesday** – Read Psalm 40:6-8 and Jeremiah 31:31-34. How did these Old Testament writers describe how God’s will would come to be done by God’s people? What light does this cast on the phrase “Thy will be done”? Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-7; Colossians 2:6-7. Where in your life do you have to choose between building up “your kingdom” and “God’s kingdom”? What price, if any, do you (or will you) have to pay for choosing God’s kingdom over your own?

**Thursday** - Read John 18:36; Matthew 6:25-33; Romans 14:17. How does the Kingdom of God upend ways of thinking and living that you (or others close to you) take as “common sense”? Can you identify one or two ways that this “not of this world” kingdom has changed your life?

**Friday** – Read Ephesians 5:3-10. If God’s will is to be done on earth as it is in heaven, that starts with our individual lives. What is one change you will make in your life in order to live more fully as a “child of the light”? What (if anything) are you changing this Lenten season for the sake of God’s Kingdom?

**Saturday** – Read Revelation 1:4-6; 1 Peter 2:9-10. As children of God, we are not just isolated individuals—we are a “kingdom” – a community where God reigns. How are you growing in your active service to God’s kingdom and will, as well as in knowledge? How are you taking part in moving our congregation toward becoming more fully “the kingdom of God” in action?