

## Study Guide

Series: Sermons on the Lord's Prayer

“For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever.”

**Monday** - Read *1 Chronicles 29:10-11*. The early church adapted David's doxology (“expression of praise to God”) into the shorter doxology with which most Christians now traditionally end the Lord's Prayer. How does the doxology deepen and reinforce the remainder of the prayer?

**Tuesday** - Read *Luke 13:29-30; Mark 9:33-35*. How does Jesus' portrait of his Kingdom (the realm in which he rules and in which his will is done) reverse many of our human assumptions about who and what is most important? Read *Matthew 13:44-46*. How much value do you attach to God's Kingdom (the Kingdom of heaven)? What, if anything, have you “sold” in order to be a citizen of that Kingdom?

**Wednesday** - Read *Matthew 26:51-54; John 18:36, 19:9-11*. How did Jesus redefine our human ideas of power? How do his words show that he was exercising a different kind of power, rather than merely exemplifying helplessness in the face of evil? Read *Acts 1:6-8; Ephesians 3:18-21*. What is the predominant power at work in you, in your day-to-day living? How can you discern the difference between your own power and ingenuity, and God's “power at work within us”?

**Thursday** - Read *John 12:23-33; 2 Corinthians 3:18-19*. Discuss what Jesus meant when he said that the hour had come for him to “be glorified.” If that's what “glory” meant for Jesus, what does it mean for you to “reflect” Jesus' glory in your life? Think of one person you have known who reflected the glory of Christ. What qualities stand out when you think of that person? Be sure to join us for the reenactment of the Lord's Supper tonight at 6 PM.

**Friday** - Read *Philippians 2:1-4; Romans 12:9-21*. In the light of these verses, how can you more fully live into Jesus' kind of power in your daily life? Identify one setting or relationship in which you exercise power (whether formal or informal), and visualize how the power of service and self-sacrifice might change things. Be sure to join us for the Tennebrae service tonight at 6 PM.

**Saturday** - Read *John 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18*. We often use the phrase “nothing is forever.” The Bible, on the other hand, tells us that something (or Someone) is forever, and calls us to live our life in the light of that reality. What steps will you take to detach your life and affections from this seen but temporary world, and to anchor yourself more firmly in the unseen, but eternal reality of life in God's Kingdom?