



## **“Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done”**

March 12th, 2023

CG Discussion Guide

### **CATCHING UP ON LIFE**

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As A church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)  
*Suggested time: 10 minutes*

- What can you thank God for this week?
- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?

### **REVIEW THE MISSION**

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go because Jesus changes everything. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20) · *Suggested time: 10-15 minutes*

- People:
  - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
  - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, Serve CLT partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Charlotte)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?
- Plan:
  - Are there any hangouts already planned, or an extra hangout we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?
- Pray:
  - Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

## SCRIPTURE AND SERMON DISCUSSION

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Community Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25) · *Suggested Time: 30-40 minutes*

### Read Matthew 6:7-15

1. What is the Holy Spirit showing you in these passages about God or about yourself?

### Sermon Recap

Have someone read:

*The Kingdom of God on Earth refers to where God rules and reigns and brings the renewal of all things. This means that our desires get realigned under God's design, and that we see His healing, restoration, and redemption of the world around us. When we see the rejection of God's rule and the areas of the world and our life that are broken and painful, we should be drawn to lament, bringing our grief to God through prayers of longing for God's Kingdom.*

*To lament, we should:*

- *Invite God to be near you in your pain*
- *Describe your pain to God*
- *Depend on Him*
- *Dwell on His character and faithfulness*

### Read:

*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." - James 1:22*

*The goal of our CG discussion times is not to simply recap what we "liked" about the sermon, although that is helpful, the goal is to work into our lives, to talk about how we might apply God's Word, and to make plans for the week to come as a community seeking to follow Jesus together. In light of that.*

2. What did the Holy Spirit teach you through the sermon? What do you feel encouraged or challenged to do after hearing the Word preached?

*In the sermon, we said that two primary reasons we don't lament are: (1) we run from pain and (2) we grieve, but not to God.*

3. How have you seen these false versions of lament show up in your own life - where you're tempted to either run from pain or grieve but not to God? How does this line in the Lord's Prayer inviting you to something much richer?
4. Have the group share areas of their life and the world they wish to see God's Kingdom expand over. Pray as a group over these lamentations together.

*After the discussion, check-in with your group about their time in prayer through the Lent Guide. For those that are doing it, ask them to share how it is going, and encourage others to participate with their own copy or the digital version at <https://www.citizenscharlotte.com/lent-2023> throughout Lent.*

### **CARE AND PRAYER**

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

*Suggested Time: 30-45 minutes.*