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Pray Like Jesus: Part II
Your Kingdom Come
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1. Have you noticed anything different in your prayer life or had a new thought about prayer since the message on “Our Father”?
2. Ted quoted Pastor Andrew Wilson: “Prayer is not intended to move from action to relationship, but from relationship to action.” How has a prayer you’ve prayed led you to action?
3. Ted said God’s kingdom is a present reality among us. In what ways are you aware that you are presently living in the Kingdom of God?
4. Jesus said, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”
*What does “the kingdom of God is in your midst” mean?
(Jesus and all he does and all he says about God” What else?)
5. What worldly traps are keeping you from being fully a part of God reigning supreme on earth or in your life?
6. Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? **(Knowing how much you need all God has to give? What else?)**
7. Jesus said, “Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” He also said, “Whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
*What about a child is so important for kingdom living?
8. Read Hebrews 12:1-3.
*What are the things that “hinder” us from running with perseverance the race marked out for us?
*Why does sin “so easily entangle us”? How do we know what sin is?
*Jesus endured the cross for the “joy set before him. What was that joy?
*Have you ever grown weary or lost heart in your Christian walk (or race)?
*Who perfects us, and why is that important to remember?
*How might considering what Jesus endured keep us from not growing weary or losing heart?

9. The moving Hebrews 11 lists the “great cloud of witnesses” that surrounds us. Who has been a contemporary great witness of God’s power and authority in your life?

10. John 3:3 says that no one can come into the kingdom unless he is born again. Ted elaborated on the fact of where we are born determines our citizenship. Recount your conversion story. How did you become a citizen of God’s kingdom? Or how did you meet and then submit to the Lord?

Consider cutting out and praying the prayer about the kingdom coming that Ted put on the screen from Bible.org:

“We pray for the spread of the gospel and the establishment of the rule and reign of the Father in the hearts of men and women. We pray for the welfare of the distressed and oppressed. We pray for physical healing, deliverance, change of hearts, broken relationships, and such things as would change with an acceptance of the Father and His way.”