

Life Group Notes

Sunday 29th October 2023

Speaker: Blessing Makumbe

Title: Kingdom Come: Kingdom Prayer

Passage: Matthew 6:1-13

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name (v9 and v1-8, 16-18)

Matthew 6 challenges the posture of our hearts towards giving, prayer and fasting. Our public life should be an overflow of what is happening in our private life. Our lives should be more about Jesus' glory and less about the glory that comes from us being acknowledged by others.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (v10 and v20-21, 33)

God's kingdom is everlasting, beyond our imagination and greater than our situation and limitations. We are called to seek his kingdom first and put our trust in it.

Give us today our daily bread (v11 and v25, 31, 34)

God's mercies are new every morning and we can leverage on this grace daily. We can often make it about ourselves by worrying. Instead, we should take our thoughts captive and trust in God to provide for our daily needs.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors (v12 and v14-15)

Our unforgiveness can hinder our prayers. We can stand here in confidence because Jesus was humiliated for our sin. God's forgiveness for you is much greater than your unforgiveness for someone else.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (v13 and v22-23, 32)

We need to guard our eyes because they are dangerous. We need to be proactive by training them (Job 31:1).

Suggested Questions:

1. Does anything stand out to you from these verses?
2. What areas of your spiritual life (e.g., giving, prayer, fasting...) are more public than private? What could you do to reverse that?
3. What rhythms in your life help you to seek God's kingdom first?
4. Do you have any stories of how God has provided for your daily needs?
5. Are there any areas of your life where you are struggling with unforgiveness?
6. What are some of the guardrails you are going to put in your life to guard your eyes against evil and temptation?