GROUP ICE BREAKER

Share with the group something you have done or accomplished that makes you proud.

REVIEW LAST WEEK’S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will ruthlessly eliminate hurry from my life.
- I will ask God to help me find those things that fill me with joy.
- I will arrange my life around joy.
- I will pray about finding an accountable relationship.
- I will reveal my temptation to someone I trust.
- I will memorize a verse of Scripture related to my temptation.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

Human beings have a kingdom problem. We think, "It’s about my kingdom, my power, and my glory." So the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray ends with, “For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.” Some of us are obvious and bold. Some of us are sneaky and subtle, but we’re all kingdom builders. My agenda, my comfort, my money, my success, my lifestyle, my achievements, my career, my opportunities, my security.

Remember how this prayer started? "Your kingdom come, your will be done." And with his words ending this prayer, we learn to Surrender. Where do you need to surrender today? This is your time to surrender and say, "God, it’s your kingdom.”

Then Jesus says, "God, it’s your power." We were not made to live in our own power, but we have a hard time believing that God’s power really is available to us. Pray Earnestly for God’s power to be realized in your life and in specific situations in your life. Ask God to show his power in the area of your life where it’s most needed.

Lastly, Jesus said remember to pray, "It’s your glory, God," and Worship. You’re going to glorify God’s name. The day is coming when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess. This is our day. This is our moment. This is your chance to love, cherish, and hallow the name of the Savior. For there is no other name on earth given by which you can be saved. For God has given him the name that is above every name, Jesus.
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who would you say is powerful today and what gives them power?

2. What “kingdoms” have you sought to build in your life?

3. What do you need to surrender in order to make God the unobstructed, unchallenged king of your life?

4. Why do we sometimes doubt that God’s power is available to us?

5. Where do you need God’s power to be realized in your life?

6. In what ways do you proclaim the goodness and greatness of God in your life?

7. How has your prayer life been challenged or changed over the last six weeks looking at the prayer Jesus taught?
NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

Use these as a guide to take your next step and commit to what you learned this week:

- I will surrender and say, "God, it’s your kingdom."
- I will trust God’s power to be realized in my life and circumstances.
- I will be intentional about giving God the glory he deserves this week.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Matthew 2:6
- Matthew 23:11-12
- Acts 12:1-16

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

- A Deeper Look At the Sermon on the Mount: Living Out the Way of Jesus, John Stott

PRAYER REQUESTS

Take time to share how you can be praying for each other over the next week: