

Your kingdom. Your will. Not mine.

“...your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” - Matthew 6:10 (NIV)

Four components of a kingdom:

1. A **king** who rules.
2. **Citizens** or **people** over whom the king rules.
3. **Laws** and a **government** to administer its laws.
4. A **territory** over which the king rules.

In the Kingdom of God:

1. Jesus is the ruler and King
2. Those who **submit** to His **Lordship** become the citizens of the Kingdom.
3. God's **character, ways, word** and **will** form the foundation of it.
4. The territory of God's Kingdom is every part of **creation** that is **yielded** to His Lordship.

The Kingdom of God can be defined as:

The arena where Jesus **rules** and His **will** is being done.

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The Scripture speaks of the Kingdom in three stages:

1. Past – in the foretelling of Jesus

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.” Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

2. Present – now with us (Jesus' life, death and resurrection)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” Matthew 5:17 (NIV)

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 16:19 (NIV)

3. Future – fully revealed in Jesus' coming

“...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11 (NIV)

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me...” Revelation 22:12 (NIV)

We need to pray and live with:

Missional Surrender

Small Group & Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Do you usually pray “my kingdom come, my will be done” with God? How is that working for you?
2. Have you ever prayed “Your kingdom come, Your will be done” with God? How was that different than #1?
3. What do you imagine could happen if Christians were to realize that the Church is a primary agent of advancing God's Kingdom?
4. Is there an area of your life that you're forcing your will instead of God's will? What is that?
5. If you used these small group questions, email Pastor Kent and let him know what you learned.
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