KINGDOM PRAYER

WEEK 2 (November 15-21)





SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:

SAFE GROUP: everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group.

LISTEN: really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

PAUSE: Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

NO "CROSS TALK": Be considerate of others as they are <u>sharing</u>. No side conversations.

NO FIXING: We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

NO RESCUING: When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

BE SELF-AWARE: Be self-aware of how you are personally affecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

USE "I" STATEMENTS: It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

CONFLICT: When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues

Small Group Evening Schedule:

10min - Hangout time

40min - Storying through scripture:

GROUP INTERACTION: Have you ever seen someone really famous in person? Go around the group and share a time you met or saw somebody you really looked up or someone who is famous. What did you feel? What was the experience like? Who was with you?

This week, Nikki spoke about God's wonder and how we should respond to him in our prayers. We will go deeper into the first part of the Lord's Prayer. Have everyone **read Matthew 6:9-13** out loud together, then read the passages below and answer the questions:

Romans 8:15-17 & Matthew 6:8

What does it mean to have God as "Our Father"?

Psalm 33:6-11 & Ecclesiastes 5:2

What does it mean for someone to be "Hallowed"?

During her message, Nikki said "When there is no hallowed, then our prayers are hollow." What does that mean?

Read Matthew 6:33, Philippians 3:20 & Colossians 3:1. What is the common theme in these verses?

When you look at Matthew 6:9, "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name." How do you see this verse differently now? What can you do to change the way you pray this week because of today's study?

10min - Share prayer requests & pray.

(one person write requests and email/text to the rest of the group)