

KINGDOM PRAYER

WEEK 3 (November 22-28)



New Hope | Small Groups



SERMON SERIES: NOV-DEC 2020



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 sharing. 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: Who in the group enjoys a certain sport? Maybe football, basketball or whatever. Go around the group and share what your favorite team is and why.

This week, Tim talked about the battle between two kingdoms. Sports, in essence, is a battle between two kingdoms and we want our team to win. As Christians, we live for God's kingdom and are a part of His team and we want His team to win, right? Today, we are going to look deeper at John 6:10 which calls God's kingdom down to earth. Have everyone **read Matthew 6:9-13** out loud together, then read the passages below and answer the questions:

Matthew 6:31-34

What does it mean to seek first God's kingdom in this passage? Discuss the differences between God's kingdom and the world.

Galatians 5:22-25

List all the fruit of the Spirit. As you occupy your space at work, home, everywhere... which fruit are you bringing and leaving in those spaces? Which spiritual fruits need to grow in your life?

Luke 9:23-26

Jesus is pretty direct in this verse about following Him. What does it mean to deny yourself and follow Him?

What can you do this week look more like the Kingdom of Heaven in your work, with your family, at school or wherever you find yourself?

10min - Share prayer requests & pray.

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