

02.02.22 – A Weekly Word for Covenant Church

Title: “Your Kingdom Come”

Scripture Reading: [Matthew 6:10](#)

Reflection: Rev. Evan Heerema

“Your kingdom come, **Your** kingdom come, **Your** kingdom come.”

Repeating the petition of the Lord’s prayer with greater and greater heart commitment (not necessarily volume) brings us to a better understanding of what Jesus sought his disciples to understand. You see, like praying, “Holy be your name” when we ask God to make his name holy being center stage and in the spotlight, praying this petition is our request that God brings about his kingdom, making and keeping it center stage, fully recognized and being submitted to.

As a competitive child, I joined others in playing the game, “King of the Hill”. If there was a pile of dirt available, and some other kids we would gather and one of us would claim to be “king of the hill” – standing on top of the pile, until someone dethroned us, at which time they would assume to role of “king of the hill”. Playing the game did not teach submission to the person in the top position, it did not teach how to be a good servant desiring the best for someone else, nor did it teach compassion and gentleness. I do not remember ever shouting, from the bottom of the hill, “Your kingdom come, your reign be supreme, you are sovereign, and I am willing and ready to do what I can to increase your name’s recognition.” My human nature sought the destruction of the other’s kingdom to my advantage and for my exaltation to the post.

Jesus came as a servant to his Father and we need to follow his example of calling on God to reveal his sovereign power and rule over all things – “Your kingdom come.” We are God’s servants, blessed to be his gifted children, equipped to serve Him and to serve Him for his glory. Until we recognize our honored position and willingly take a place beneath and before God we will be promoting another kingdom. We might pray the words, “Your kingdom come” even when we are really working for our own kingdom.

Prayer:

Our Father in the heavens, Holy be your name here, there, and everywhere asking for your kingdom to have its rightful position through our Lord Jesus the King of kings. Send your Spirit deep within my heart where it will reveal my unwillingness to give you the glory due your name. For Jesus’ sake who came to live and die for us, we pray, AMEN

Action Item for the Day/Week:

During this worship series on prayer, we are going to be experimenting with different prayer practices each week:

Prayer Practice: Prayers of Submission

This week, as you continue spending 3-5 minutes in prayer, three times a day (morning, noon, night), each time you pray, identify as many of the areas of your own life where you lead, rather than submitting to God's lead.

You can also pray this mission prayer which is our missional practice for the month of February:

God, where will your Spirit lead today?

Help me be fully awake and ready to respond.

Grant me courage to risk something new and become a blessing of your love and peace. Amen.

Songs for today:

[God's Kingdom on the Earth is Now](#)