JESUS AT THE CENTER OF PRAYER

Priorities Message 3

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Outline

Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping Him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Hebrews 12:28-29)

В.	How to respond to God's Kingdom		
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		(Matthew 6:10a, 33. C/R: Luke 10:9-14; Ephesians 1:13-14)	
		•reality.	
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		• hope.	

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	(Matthew 6:10b.	C/R: Isaiah 46:9-10; Matth	new 5-7)

Answers: B.1. Kingdom, seek, Present, Future 2. will, serve

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Digging Deeper – Week 3 Priorities

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/groups</u>.

Focus

This week our focus is on...

"May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven."

Matthew 6:10 (NLT)

Open

What's been on your mind the most this past week?

Pray

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Connect

Watch this week's video*, then use the following questions for reflection and conversation. Consider these Scriptures as you study and reflect: Psalm 10:16-18; Matthew 6:25-34; Colossians 3:1-14.

- 1. What stood out to you from the video? Did anything specific catch your attention?
- 2. What things in the world do you most wish God would make right?
- 3. God is already King. In what sense are His Kingdom and perfect will still in the future?
- 4. Describe a time you felt lost and without God. Can you look back and see where He was at work then? How did this help you understand the will of God in your life?
- 5. In our self-centered culture, we're often preoccupied with our little name, empire and will rather than God's. We sometimes focus on me-centered prayers. How can we combat this tendency?
- 6. The concept of *kingdom* is foreign in Western culture. What might be a more helpful way to say or describe that?
- 7. Sometimes we reduce Christianity to information we should believe. But what is Christianity supposed to do to a person?

- 8. How can you rearrange your day/week to spend more quality time with God?
- 9. How might the prayer *Your Kingdom come* change how you pray?
- 10. How would you describe God's will for your life? What does it look like for God's will to be done in your life?
- 11. What's one thing you sense God wanting to change in your life?
- 12. What would it look like for God's will to be done at Brookwood? What are ways we can seek this together?

Guided Prayer

Praise God for His sovereignty, that He has supreme power and authority. Share your priorities for this week with the person beside you. Pray for each other, asking God to refocus your priorities to align with His will and build His Kingdom.

Daily Devotional

Spend time with God each day with the Daily Devotional. Available on the App. Booklets are available with the Receptionist or at the Information Desk.

Memory Verse

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: Matthew 6:33 Day 5: Luke 10:9
Day 2: Matthew 6:19 Day 6: Luke 19:10
Day 3: Daniel 2:44 Day 7: John 17:20-23

Day 4: 1 Timothy 2:1

Pray for Next Sunday

- 1. Pray that Brookwood experiences the spiritual reality of God's Kingdom.
- 2. Pray that we surrender our will to God and serve His purpose.
- 3. Pray for God to grow the awareness of the present reality of His Kingdom in our hearts.

^{*} Video resources can be found with each Message by visiting brookwoodchurch.org/media.

