



Discussion Questions

- **When you hear the phrase “Kingdom of God,” what do you naturally think of first—place, power, or reign?**

How has your understanding of the Kingdom been shaped by the idea of “going to heaven someday,” and how does Jesus’ prayer, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” expand that picture?

- **What competing “kingdoms” most easily shape your life right now?**

Think about the kingdoms named in the message—self, success, consumption, outrage, political power, image—or others you notice. What do they ask from you, and how is their way different from the reign of Jesus?

- **Where do you see the Kingdom of God becoming visible in the life of Jesus?**

As you think about His healing, forgiveness, welcome of outsiders, mercy, and self-giving love, what does Jesus reveal about the kind of King God is?

- **What would it look like for God’s “beautiful way” to become more real in one ordinary area of your life this week?**

Consider your relationships, work, money, schedule, anger, ambitions, or how you respond to people who disagree with you. Where might Jesus be inviting you to live more consciously under His reign?

Spiritual Practice — Open Hands: “Your Kingdom Come”

This week, the invitation is to begin your morning with **two or three quiet minutes before reaching for your phone or starting your day.**

Consider sitting with your hands open on your lap. The posture matters. Open hands become a physical way of saying, *“I do not need to control everything today.”*

Slowly pray Jesus’ words:

**Father,
Your Kingdom come.
Your will be done,
in my life today,
as it is in heaven.**

Then sit silently for a moment and ask:

**“Jesus, what kingdom is
shaping me today?”**

Notice what comes to mind without judging or forcing anything. Perhaps it is fear, control, success, approval, anger, comfort, or simply your need to have things go your way.

Then ask:

**“Jesus, where are You
inviting me to trust Your
Kingdom instead of
protecting my own?”**

Finish by opening your hands again and simply saying:

“Your Kingdom come.”

The goal is not to manufacture an experience or to try harder at being a Christian. It is to **practice awareness and surrender**—to begin the day remembering that the Kingdom of God has already come near and learning to live under the good reign of Jesus.