



Life Group Sermon Study Notes

“From Our House to Your House: The Kingdom, The Power and The Glory”

Bishop Rice Brooks – May 17, 2020

Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- Are you a mask and gloves person or not?
- What is the first restaurant you will go to when things open?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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The disciples regularly saw Jesus in prayer. In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus responded to their request to teach them with “The Lord’s Prayer”:

⁹ **“Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.”**

As part of a community of believers, we consider and acknowledge that our prayer is as much for our brothers and sisters as it is for ourselves. God, as our Father, engenders child-like feelings of security and confidence in his love for us. We are taught to be mindful to whom we pray. Behold God! Revere him! He is holy! His name is above all names!

¹⁰ **“Your Kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”**

We pray that God’s Kingdom comes in our own heart as well as, to the world. God’s Kingdom within us is not naturally so. Only through Jesus do we received a foretaste of the fullness of the Kingdom to come, including righteousness, peace, joy, and freedom. Upon the return of Jesus, God’s Kingdom will be fully established on earth and the fulness of his grace, truth, holiness, and joy will reign throughout creation.

¹¹ **“Give us this day our daily bread.”**

God provides for our physical and spiritual needs. We go to him boldly, with thanksgiving, with all that we ask.

¹² **“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”**

This pertains not only to monetary debt but our sins. We show obedience by forgiving others, reminding ourselves how small the wrong was that was done to us as compared to the overwhelming debt we owe to God. Jesus knew we need to remind ourselves to forgive others if we expect his mercy and forgiveness.

¹³ **“And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen”**

God is not the author of temptation. We ask him to walk closely with us and help in all our decisions. We ask to be delivered or led away from calamity or situations that will produce harm.

Kingdom – is within us and at hand. In the present world, we live where light and darkness coexist, both with contradicting rules and principles. By accepting Jesus, we were translated out of darkness and into the light; our eyes were opened; called to live fully committed to the will of God; and loving God with all of our heart, mind, and soul.

Power –is not just a physical advantage but the ability to conquer fear and the capacity to have a sound mind, all of which beget hope. It is by the power of God that the Kingdom will be ruled and maintained.

Glory – is the praise and distinct honor that will be reflected from God over all of creation. God created us to give glory to him and this is then our highest motivation.

Scripture tells us that it is a narrow gate into God’s Kingdom. Entry requires humility and obedience, giving our lives to honor God and advance his Kingdom by doing our part to heal the world, listening, caring, respecting others’ world view, just as Jesus lived and taught. The Lord’s Prayer is our God-given means to empower and keep us focused on what is most important.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- Discuss ways to pray The Lord’s Prayer to prevent it from becoming routine and void of heart-felt meaning.
- What advantage do we have with respect to God as Our Father and what are the many ways he carries out this relationship?
- Discuss the prophetic spirit of The Lord’s Prayer.

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as other requests you may have.

- Thank God for his relationship with us and all the goodness that this brings.
- Pray for healing for our nation and the world, not just from disease and physical maladies, but from spiritual darkness.
- Pray for greater revelation as to who God is, resulting in greater reverence and humility, not just in prayer but as we live out the day.