



DISCUSSION GUIDE

PART 4: Rooted in Prayer

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START

Throughout this series we have looked at Jesus' teaching on how to pray. For some of us praying is nothing new, and for others of us we just started praying. No matter where we are in our prayer life we can be confident that Jesus desires for us to come and have a conversation with him. To lift His name high, to pray for His will to be done, to pray for our needs and for forgiveness.

- What has stood out to you during this series of prayer?
- How would you describe your current prayer life?
- How would you like to continue to develop your prayer life?

READ

[Matthew 6:9-13](#) (NIV)

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. "

THINK

When we talk about God's will being done many things can come to mind. We often filter God's will through our values, opinions, and culture. But God's will is not limited to these things. When we pray for God's will to be done we are praying that God does what He has planned; knowing it is what is perfect.

- How do you tend to filter God's will?
- Take a moment to pray as a group for God's will to be done in your lives and in His church.

One reason we can have confidence in God's will is that He is good. God does good things because God is good. His perfect love is always working to set the world right.

- When in your life have you experienced God's goodness?
- Take a moment as a group to pray and thank God for His goodness.

As God's goodness propels God's will the result is God's kingdom being established on earth as it is in heaven. As a church we are to embody a people that are gathered to live out our lives in God's kingdom and point others to Jesus.

- How do you see God's kingdom breaking through and establishing itself on earth?
- Take a moment to pray as a group for the boldness to live out the ethics of God's kingdom, and to see it come on earth as it is in heaven.

PRAY

"God, we thank you for giving us examples of how to pray so that we can come to you with our needs. As you meet our needs we pray that your will be done and that your kingdom is made known."

ACT

This week, take some time to spend in prayer by utilizing the Rooted [prayer guide](#).

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