

Leaders:

Please read about the Thanksgiving opportunity on the 2nd page and discuss with your group. If your group is participating, one person in your group needs to email Justin Waffird (email on 2nd page) the amount you are going to send them by November 9th.

LEARN

Read Matthew 6:10. What stands out in the text or from Sunday's sermon that was helpful, encouraging, or challenging?

What is the Kingdom of God? If someone asked you to describe the Kingdom in a single sentence, what would you say?

(God's Kingdom is wherever God reigns as king. The kingdom is near when the king is there. There is a "already, not yet" reality to the Kingdom... it came with Jesus, and is yet to come in its fullness.)

What are we praying when we pray "Your will be done"?

(Fill the earth with people who do your will on earth. God, do what you want to do. Shape our own wills to be in accord with your will.)

PRACTICE

When God's Kingdom clashes with your kingdom, what do you do? What does God want you to do? (So often we run! We run away from God's will and desire for our lives. We'd rather rule a lesser kingdom than live in God's Kingdom, where he reigns.)

What stops you from really wanting God's will to be done? When God's will interferes with your will, what should you do?

(It may be fear of the future, or not being in control. We need to ask God's help to change our desires so that we want what he wills over our comforts or preferences.)

How would regularly and sincerely praying "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" affect your prayer life?

(It regularly reorients our prayers to be about God's agenda instead of ours. It reminds us God's kingdom is greater than ours, his will more important than ours, and living for him is our path to lasting joy in him.)

CHANGE

How do you need this prayer to change you? Is there a specific way you need to ask God to reshape your prayers so it aligns with how Jesus taught his disciples to pray?

Thanksgiving Generosity / Service Opportunity

We are partnering with Youth For Christ to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. These are families that Youth For Christ is involved with on a regular basis, ministering to their middle and high school students. The goal is to provide the ingredients for a full and delicious Thanksgiving meal, with the family knowing it comes from people who love Jesus and love them too.

We're asking every small group to collect any amount of money they are able and put it together, then have one person in the small group send a check directly to Youth For Christ. Mail the check to:

Youth For Christ
PO Box 156
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Please email Justin Waffird – jwaffird@yahoo.com - Director of YFC's program in West Sac, to inform him of the amount your small group is sending. This will help him shop appropriately ahead of time. **All funds need to be mailed by November 9th.**

Want to go one step further? We are in need of about 20 people to volunteer on the morning of Saturday, November 17th at the West Sac YFC center. Whether it's your entire group or a few of you, please email our Pastoral Intern, Charley Maxey – cmaxey@harvestsacramento.net – and let him know you want to help. The approximate time is 9am – 12pm and you will be involved with bagging the ingredients and delivering them to the families. Charley will provide more information to those who sign up as the date gets closer.

Thank you for considering how you can help in this great endeavor to spread the love of Christ and help YFC minister to these families!