

#### BREAKING THE ICE

What is the most daring thing you have ever done? What makes it so daring?

In what area of life would you like to have greater peace? Why?



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This week we continued talking about the Lord's Prayer. As a refresher, read the Lord's Prayer together in Matthew 6:9-13.

The prayer starts out with verse 9, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name" (NIV). As Pastor Kevin taught us last week, it's important to recognize "Our Father." We can relate to God in many ways but in this case, we are encouraged to try to relate to God as a dad, as God and as holy.

1. Which one of these do you relate to God as: dad, God, holy? Why?

God is all three of these. He is our dad, He is our God and He is holy. When we accept Him as all three of these roles in our life, it allows us to experience the fullness of His kingdom on Earth.

Matthew 6:10, "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

We have the opportunity to accept God's will for our life on Earth. We tend to long for control in our lives, but when we release control and surrender to God's will, His kingdom can be on Earth like heaven.



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- 2. Where do you tend to keep control in your life? Why?
- 3. How have you seen where trying to keep control of your life affects you negatively?

Read Matthew 13:44-46.

In these verses we see God talking about His kingdom and its perfection. When we experience His kingdom, nothing else will satisfy us like His kingdom does. His kingdom is full of peace, mercy, reconciliation, freedom, grace, and so much more.

4. How have you experienced God's kingdom on Earth?

God wants us to experience Him as our King and father. When we experience Him as our king it gives us access to everything He has; things like the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

As a child to the King, we can experience the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

- 5. Which fruit of the Spirit have you experienced in your life and how have you experienced it (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control)?
- 6. Which would you like to experience more of in your life?

When we experience God's kingdom here on Earth, it gives us confidence; the confidence to know we have authority over the enemy. Pastor Drew reminded us to say it this way, "My dad is the King and I have



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everything I need." When we have that statement embedded deep in our hearts, we can experience God's kingdom in our lives daily.

7. Are you experiencing God's kingdom every day in your life? Why or why not?

When we give up control and surrender everything to God, we experience the kingdom of God. We have the opportunity to live in God's kingdom every day on earth. We experience His peace, grace, mercy, forgiveness and freedom. He takes on our struggles and gives us the peace to keep going and get through them.

8. Knowing that God's kingdom is available every day of your life, how does that change the way you can now live?



### **PRAYER**

Father God, thank you for loving us so much that you give us an opportunity to experience your kingdom here on Earth. Help us experience you as the King and to know that we have all we need in you. Help us give up our control, surrender to you and your kingdom. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **ACTION STEP**

Every day this week, say the following prayer:

"My dad is the King, I have everything I need."

Ask God to show you where you need to accept Him as King in your life and where you need to surrender things to Him. Actively pray to God and ask Him to help you surrender the things and watch His kingdom come to your daily life.