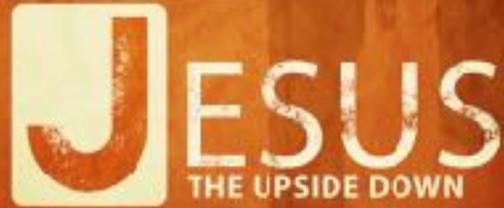


Life Group Discussion Guide

The Greatest News the World Has Ever Heard
Matthew 6:10, 33
Stuart Jones - January 13, 2019



INTRODUCTION

Much has been written about Jesus' prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. It's a guide on how we should pray. The prayer divides into two parts—we recognize the greatness of God and then we recognize our dependency upon Him. The first three requests ask God to accomplish His will in our world and reveal His purposes to everyone. The second three requests acknowledge our need for forgiveness and strength. We live in the kingdom of the earth, but we need to focus on the best news the world has ever heard and focus on the Kingdom of Heaven!

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Are you a news junkie who keeps Fox News, CNN or MSNBC on while you're at home or do you avoid the news channels because they make you angry, depressed or are you somewhere in between? Explain.
2. Suppose for a moment you're with a friend and this friend says to you, "Hey, I was flipping through the channels last night and I heard a minister on TV talking about the Kingdom of God. What was he talking about? What is the Kingdom of God? Was he talking about Heaven?" How would you answer them?

EVALUATE IT

1. Stuart quoted John Ortberg who wrote, "When churches get the gospel wrong, they produce consumers of Jesus' merit rather than disciples of Jesus' life." How are these two different?
2. Harvard Professor Harvey Cox said the Sermon on the Mount is "The most luminous, most quoted, most analyzed, most contested, most influential moral and religious discourse in all of human history." Why would he say that?
3. Stuart asked the question, "What kingdom are you living in?" What are some kingdoms people live in other than the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father?
4. Throughout his sermon Stuart used the phrase, "Up there is coming down here." What does that mean? How does up there come down here? What was he referring to?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Answer the question Stuart asked, "What kingdom are you living in (self, neighborhood, business, national, economic, political, etc.)?"
2. We have already discussed the phrase Stuart used several times, "Up there is coming down here." What can you do to ensure "up there is coming down here?"



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