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The Bridge: Prayer as Kingdom Partnership

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Matthew 6:9-13, Psalm 95:1-7, Psalm 135

New Perspective: Prayer as Worship (Matt 6:9)

- ✓ Prayer is a testament of God's _____.
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- ✓ To pray is to _____.

Prayer as Kingdom Partnership (Matt 6:10)

- ✓ Prayer is not to get _____ will accomplished. Prayer is to get _____ will accomplished.
- ✓ Prayer _____ with God and His _____.
- ✓ God is not our _____. He is the sovereign God of the universe.

"The kingdom of God does not consist in talk, but in power, that is, in works and practice. God loves the 'doers of the word' in faith and love, and not the 'mere hearers,' who, like parrots, have learned to utter certain expressions with readiness."

Martin Luther

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. How would you describe the word worship?
 - What does it mean to worship God? How do we do that?
 - Has today's message changed your view of worship at all?
3. In your opinion what is prayer and the purpose of prayer?
 - Has today's message changed that opinion at all? Or added to it.
4. One of the key points of today's message was that prayer is not to get our will accomplished but God's will accomplished.
 - Have you ever thought of prayer like that?
 - How could this attitude change the way you talk to God?
5. In reference to Matthew 6:10, Pastor Chuck Smith once said, "God is no little genie that has to fulfill your wishes. He is the sovereign Lord of the universe and in control of the universe. And let me say that I thank God for all of my unanswered prayers."
 - Have you ever thanked God for unanswered prayers? If so, explain.
 - Why is it important that God does not answer some of our prayers?
6. Read Acts 1:8. Jesus calls us to be His hands and feet. This is Kingdom Partnership.
 - How can we be the hands and feet of Jesus. List practical ways.
7. Read Revelation 7:9-10. When God's Kingdom fully comes, there will be those from every nation, tribe, people, and language worshipping together.
 - What do you think that will be like?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 6:9-13) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?