

Thy Will
Luke 22:41-42
March 5, 2023
Next Steps¹

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, engrave your instructions on my heart. Remind me that those instructions include not passing judgments on servants who answer to you, not me. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- Where did you see God this week?
- Do you prefer to drive or be driven? Why?
- What is one thing in your home that you need to do and can't let anyone else do for you? (load dishwasher, make the bed, fold the laundry, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Luke 22:41-42

- What strikes you about Jesus' prayer?
- When Jesus prays, 'your will be done,' is he submitting helplessly, bitterly resigned, defeated, or something else?
- What does it mean for Jesus to pray, 'your will be done'? How does this impact your prayer life?

For further study, read the following: Isaiah 9:2-7, Colossians 2:6-7, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 14:4-18, Revelation 1:4-6, 1 Peter 2:9-10.

- What are they teaching you about the Kingdom of God? About God's Will?
- How will this passage change my life?

NEXT STEPS:

- What have you been holding on to? What can't you let go of? If you prayed, 'Your Will Be Done,' how would this impact your life?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

People usually have good intentions to pray, but sometimes we get busy and forget. For the next week, use an object to remind each of you to pray for one another, for your community and for the world. For example, on Monday, draw a happy face on the back of each person's hand. On Tuesday, place a small rock in each person's pocket. Wednesday, tie a piece of string around each person's pinkie finger. When you see or touch the object, pray. Come up with your own ideas as a family for the rest of the days. Each evening, check in to see how each person included prayer in their day. Remind each other that prayer is part of being and bringing God's kingdom on Earth.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Lord, let your Kingdom come within me, and then through me as I interact with the people around me. Let me live in ways that truly make the coming of your Kingdom "good news." Amen.

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