



Your Kingdom Come
February 2 | Group Guide

Prayer (5 minutes).

Open with prayer. Ask for God's Spirit to be present to your group. Pray also for vulnerability and openness. Finally, pray for formation into Christlikeness through the help of the Holy Spirit.

Break into smaller groups of 3-4 and read Matthew 7 and debrief the sermon (30 minutes).

Read Matthew 7:1-29, then ask the following questions:

- In his sermon, Shan prompted us to ask, "Am I willing to evaluate my own thoughts and actions or will I condemn people to make myself feel better?" How would you answer this question? Do you tend to be more concerned with pointing out others' faults than addressing your own struggles?
- Transitioning into talking about prayer from Matthew 7:7-12, Shan showed how Jesus encourages us with the fact that (1) God wants to give us what is best for us; (2) We can approach God personally and persistently; and (3) God knows if we are being selfish. Which of these three do you struggle with most in your prayer life? Why?
- Stemming from Jesus' words in Matthew 7:13-20, another question that Shan asked us to reflect on was, "Are my thoughts and actions reflecting Jesus or the world's lies and my own selfishness?" How would you answer that question? What kind of fruit is evident in your life? Does it reflect Christ's character?
- The next to last question Shan asked us originated from Jesus' words in Matthew 7:21-23: "Am I devoted to God or am I putting on a good show?" Are there areas of my life where you say "Lord" with your lips but live differently in your heart?

- Finally, Shan posed the question, “Am I building my life on the solid rock of Jesus or on the unstable sand of the world’s wisdom?” from Matthew 7:24-29. What are you building your life on?

Come together as a large group to share some of your conversations with one another (10 minutes).

- What stood out to you from Jesus’ words in Matthew 7?
- Where did your smaller group spend the most time in your conversation? Why?
- Did anything challenge you or resonate deep with you from your conversations?

Spend time in prayer for the upcoming men’s conference (10 minutes).

This weekend, our church is hosting a men’s conference, a two-day experience designed to awaken men into their unique, God-given call.

Pray specifically for the men in your life group and in our church in general that that would happen in their hearts and in their lives over the course of this event!

Finish your group time with prayer requests and prayer (10 minutes).