

## **Basic Kingdom Principles**

Series: Following Jesus: The Kingdom Of God

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Matthew 6:9-13 <sup>9</sup>*“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup>your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

### **I. What do we mean by The Kingdom of God?**

#### **a. A basic definition**

*The kingdom of God is the rule and reign of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to restore and renew what sin destroyed. By faith through grace we embrace the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, enabling us to live as kingdom people. Though not fully realized until Jesus returns, the kingdom is present now, anywhere, any time we choose to listen, to engage, to obey Jesus. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we live, love, and serve with Jesus in every area of our lives. Therefore we pray, “your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* <sup>100</sup> words

#### **b. A basis for understanding the New Testament**

### **II. The high call of the Kingdom of God**

#### **a. Life on the edge**

Matthew 11:12 <sup>12</sup>*From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.*

#### **b. Vision beyond ourselves**

#### **c. Commitment and focus**

#### **d. Living with the end in mind**

Luke 12:16-21 <sup>16</sup>*And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” <sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ <sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”*