



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Pray This Way – The Doxology That Destroys Doubt

Week of 8.10.20

Scripture references:

Matthew 6:9-13

Big Idea: Doxology is the profession of hope in the presence of doubt.

Prayers in the Bible often conclude with a doxology, or a statement praising God. The doxology at the end of the Lord's Prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect on God's kingdom, His power, and His glory.

- Tony Evans defined God's kingdom as "the visible demonstration of God's comprehensive rule over every area of life." God's agenda is what we should be concerned with fulfilling. God's commands are what we should be concerned with obeying. Where in your life is it easiest to acknowledge the authority of God's kingdom, rather than your own? Where is it most difficult?
- When we pray "Thine is the power," we profess our faith in God's capability to answer our prayers and we profess our dependence on Him. God's power is sufficient both for our own security and to accomplish His plans. Have you ever witnessed God's power to answer prayer? Describe the situation.
- 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in

everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

What does this passage mean? Where do our gifts or capabilities come from? How does it bring God glory (honor or renown) when we use our gifts to serve one another? How does this relate to our dependence on God's power?