

Kingdom Life Part 13

*In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.** Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)

Jesus said to them, "Surely you have read this in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone. The Lord did this, and it is wonderful to us.' (Psalm 118:22-23) 'So I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people who do the things God wants in his kingdom. The person who falls on this stone will be broken, and on whomever that stone falls, that person will be crushed.'"

Matthew 21:42-44 (NCV)

So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

1 Peter 2:1-10 (NLT)

Small Group Questions

3. What are some Kingdom values you've adopted in your own life?
 4. God's Word leads us to value relationships. How do we live out the Kingdom in our relationships?
 5. What part of the Kingdom are you having a hard time living out in your relationships?
 6. Pastor Hennie said, "*Kingdom living is not an abstract idea, it is a practical way of living.*" What is something practical you can do this week to live out the Kingdom more fully?
1. Read *1 Peter 2:2 (NLT)*. How does a lack of understanding of God's Word lead to a limited experience of our salvation?
 2. What are some things that you value that contradict Kingdom values?