

# KINGDOM COME

HEAVEN, HERE AND NOW

Bridge City  
CHURCH

## Kingdom Come

## Part 1: Who Is In Charge?



### CONVERSATION GUIDE



### SMALL GROUPS

The series *“Kingdom Come”* invites us to begin this new year by recognizing a foundational truth: the Kingdom of God is not only a future reality, but a present one that is made visible wherever God reigns. The first sermon of the series—and of the year—*“Who Is In Charge?”* confronts us with an honest and necessary question: who is truly directing our lives, our decisions, and our plans?

In *Matthew 6:9–10*, Jesus teaches us how to pray, and in doing so, He completely reshapes our understanding of the Kingdom. He does NOT invite us to impose our will on God, but to surrender to His. To pray “Your kingdom come” is to declare that we recognize God’s authority above our own and that we desire His will to govern every area of our lives, just as it is perfectly done in heaven.

**Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Matthew 6:9–10 (ESV)**



### TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does Jesus teach us about God’s priority in prayer by beginning with the Father and His Kingdom before mentioning our needs?
2. According to this passage, what would our family, workplace, or church look like if God’s will were done there as it is in heaven?

3. **Matthew 6:10 (CEV)** says: “Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven.” How does our obedience to God relate to recognizing that He is the King?
4. What personal obstacles often keep us from praying and living with a genuine attitude of surrender to God’s will?

**Wherever the will of God is done,  
there the Kingdom of God is present.**

## MAKE IT PRACTICAL

Aligning yourself with the Kingdom of God:

- **Redefines your prayer:** This week, before asking God for anything, begin your prayer by consciously declaring: “Lord, your will be done, not mine.” Then, make a list of current plans or decisions and present them to God, asking Him to adjust or change them according to His purpose.
- **Starts with surrender:** Take time to identify one specific area of your life where you are still acting as the owner (finances, time, relationships, control of the future). Write it down and intentionally surrender it to God in prayer, acknowledging that He is the King and you are His servant.
- **Precedes blessings:** If you want 2026 to be a great year, decide that it will first be a great spiritual year. Commit to a concrete practice: daily time with God, periodic fasting, consistent Bible reading, or deeper involvement in the church. Aligning yourself with God precedes blessings.

## PRAYER

“Lord, today we acknowledge that You are the King. Forgive us for the times we have tried to run our lives without consulting You. We surrender our plans, decisions, and desires to You. May Your will be done in us as it is in heaven. May Your Kingdom come to every area of our lives. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

## TIPS

- During prayer time, focus more on surrendering than on asking for things.
- Do not be afraid to let go of control—God governs better than we do.
- Remember: God does not begin by asking for strategies or methods, but for surrender.
- Apply at least one truth this week, but do it with intention and obedience.



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