



Appendix

DAY OF KINGDOM PRAYER

When we work, we work; when we pray, God works

Vision for Day of Kingdom Prayer

The purpose of this day of Kingdom Prayer is to lay a faith foundation so that you can hear from God about igniting a movement of Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship in and through your life, ministry, and church. The practice of prayer is hard work, but there are many benefits. It has been shown throughout history that extended times of prayer produce many benefits in addition to corporate and personal worship.

Much like Jesus, who stepped away from the demands of ministry for seasons of prayer, a day of prayer allows you as a leader to refocus on your calling from God. It is a time for Him to remind you who you are and what He has asked you to do. You will receive affirmation from your Father who says, "You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased."

A day of prayer also rekindles your love relationship with Jesus. As you know, there

is a great temptation to allow ministry to become our focus instead of Jesus. Extended times of prayer allow us to be in a place where God can loosen the power of idols in our heart and reignite our passion for Him.

Hudson Taylor has been attributed as saying, "When we work, we work; when we pray, God works." A day of prayer can actually make us more productive in the work of the kingdom than multiple days of our own work. God invites us to ask Him for big things, and our prayers are an expression of faith that responds to His invitation.

When we commit to having a day of prayer, it seems like our enemies come out of the woodwork. The world philosophy says we are wasting our time. Our sinful nature gives us excuses to distract us, and the accuser pulls out all the stops to attack us. The preparation for this day is imperative for a fruitful time of prayer.

Instructions on how to have a Day of Kingdom Prayer

In the same way that Jesus made it His practice to rise early in the morning and go to a secret place, so we must also be intentional about planning ahead and dealing with distractions. Setting aside the entire day to be devoted to prayer will help us be successful. Do not allow e-mails, phone calls, lunch appointments and other meetings to creep into your day of prayer. Resist the temptation to cancel your day of prayer when the stresses of life shout at you. Find a location with minimal distractions. This day of prayer guide has been prepared so that you can walk through an 8-hour day of prayer.

WHY DO WE PRAY?

- God invites and commands us to pray.
- Prayer is an act of worship.
- To experience and express love for God.
- Prayer is designed for our benefit and God’s glory.
- Prayer is a means God uses to bring about His purposes.
- Prayer does not change God; He uses prayer to realign us according to His purposes.

Bring your Bible and everything else you need is included in this guide. You will reflect on passages of Scripture, be stirred by action-oriented questions and challenged to step out in faith.

We will use the Lord’s Prayer as a guide – the same guide Jesus used to teach His disciples to pray. We will pray through God’s honor, kingdom, provision, forgiveness and power as each relates to igniting a movement of Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship in your personal ministry, your church and beyond.

There will be four times the group will meet together during the day. This will allow time to share our experiences and pray together as a group. Group times will take place every hour and a half. The written guide will suggest times to meet together. In between, you will be praying on your own. Start by using the guide, and if you have time left before the next group meeting, engage in more Kingdom Prayer on the same theme.



GROUP TIME 1

In your first group time, give everyone an opportunity to write down their answers and then go around praying their responses to these questions. **Pray** your answers – don't discuss them.

1. God, the **one** spiritual need I want to ask You to provide for me through today's Day of Kingdom Prayer is...

2. God, the **one** movement need I want to ask You for our church through today's Day of Kingdom Prayer is...

Enter your individual prayer time and return in one and a half hours at this time:

FOCUSING YOUR HEART

Write down anything that is a distraction, concern, or disturbance that would hinder the fruitfulness of the Day of Kingdom Prayer.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, Son and Spirit, I am here to meet with You today. I present all of who I am to You right now. It is my desire to meet with You and for my love to be rekindled for You. I desire to be in Your presence, to hear Your affirming voice tell me I am Your child. I rejoice not that I am able to accomplish ministry goals, but that my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. I ask that you loosen my heart's grip on the idols that steal my joy, that make me unfruitful, and reignite in me a passion for You, Jesus. I am here to do the work of ministry, which is the work of prayer. Protect me from my enemies and give me an undivided heart. Thank You that You will guide me today and lead me into the path of truth. I love You, Jesus, because You first loved me. Amen.

GOD'S HONOR

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name."

When God consummates human history, the glorified Church will sing out praise to God. Reflect on the words of Revelation 19:1-8. Read one sentence then respond back to God in prayer as you work through this passage.

"After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for His judgments are true and just; for He has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of His servants."

Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great."

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints."

Prayerfully reflect, and journal on your thoughts, feelings desires, and choices from this passage.

What are your thoughts about experiencing this scene in heaven one day?

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What are your emotions about experiencing this scene in heaven?

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What deep desires are stirred up about this scene in heaven?

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What choices do you want to make in preparation for your part in this scene?

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Pray: "Father, I recommit myself to live for Your honor. I desire to see our church exist for Your honor and glory. As a church, we desire to see Your reputation be exulted in our church, community, nation and world. Turn my heart away from wanting glory, affirmation and fame and turn my heart to long for Your glory. Be glorified in us and through us!"

GOD'S KINGDOM

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

God's kingdom is now and is to come. Jesus is ruling and reigning through His church so that representatives from all people groups will be before His throne one day. We see the heart of Jesus wanting the reality of the heavenly kingdom to be increasingly revealed on earth before He returns. After He returns, the new "heaven on earth" will fully manifest the realities of the King and His kingdom.

Praise God now for His present kingdom and the future "heaven on earth" kingdom!

Consider Jesus' teaching on the cost of discipleship found in Luke 14:26-33. If we trust God that our church will still exist in 500 years, how can we build a strong foundation for that to happen? We are not talking about starting a new program, but asking God to build a foundation on the Gospel through people's lives.

SACRED READING

This next section will be a prayer exercise called Lectio Divina, or Sacred Reading. You will prayerfully read the passage three times, then ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

Expect Him to speak and journal what He tells you.

Prayer One: "Holy Spirit, as I read this passage, give me one word You want me to hold on to."

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

What was the word the Holy Spirit gave me?

Prayer Two: Holy Spirit, as I read this passage again, please tell me why You gave me this one word.

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Holy Spirit, why did You give me that word?

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Prayer Three: Holy Spirit, as I read this passage a third time, please instruct me what You want me/us to do in obedience.

If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Holy Spirit, what do You want me to do in obedience?

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How did you experience the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the words of Jesus?

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Write a prayer about how you want your personal ministry and your church to contribute to God's kingdom building.

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GROUP TIME 2

Give everyone the opportunity to share their experiences with these two questions.

1. What was the most significant insight or response from the section on God's honor?

2. What was the most significant insight or response from the section on God's kingdom?

Have three people praise God for His honor and kingdom. Ask God for faith to believe He will provide and forgive for His glory and our good.

Go now to your individual prayer time and return in one and a half hours at this time:

GOD'S PROVISION

Reflect on the words of Psalm 33 about God's provision of His steadfast love. God's nature is to be a provider for His people. Read one verse and then respond back to God in prayer.

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; He puts the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him! For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

The Lord looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man from where He sits enthroned. He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

PRAY THROUGH EACH OF THESE REQUESTS:

Ask God to provide you a renewed courage to carry out the calling He has given you.

Ask God to provide you wisdom to lead His church to "make disciples."

Ask God to raise up laborers for the harvest in your church and community.

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. (Matthew 9:36-38)

Ask God to lead you to some men/women whom He is calling to Himself that you can share the Gospel with and help grow towards maturity.

WARNING: Praying this prayer could result in unusual or supernatural movements of God in your life, ministry and church that will be hard to contain or control.

God, who are the men/women You have prepared for me to share the Gospel with?

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Now, ask God to provide you with a few men/women to intentionally invest your life in so they will become leaders and mature/equipped followers of Christ.

God, who are the men/women with whom you may be leading me to have an intentional Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship relationship with?

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God, please provide me with *insights* on how to prioritize my time commitments. It is my desire to meet regularly with a few men/women both individually and in a small Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship group. What do You want me to start, stop and continue to do?

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God, would You help us develop an effective spiritual formation pathway so our church can practically equip people to help others go from unbelief to belief, belief to maturity and maturity to leadership?

God, please bring about transformation of individuals, families, churches, communities, cities and nations who will worship King Jesus.

God, purify my desires and motives so that Your glory is my greatest joy, motivation and reward.

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

We now enter into a time of "joyful repentance" as we experience God's forgiveness. Pray through these and confess any sin as the Holy Spirit pricks your heart. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6)
Allow Him to convict, heal, restore and rebuild you through the Gospel.

Father, I confess that at times my ministry success is more important to me than Your glory.

Father, I confess that I have been neglecting my relational time with You because I am too busy doing ministry in Your name.

Father, I confess that I have neglected my family because I have been caring for the family of God.

Father, I confess I love the approval of man, and I try to seek out their approval more than Yours.

Father, I confess that I have been doing ministry in my power rather than doing it in Your power through Kingdom Prayer.

Father, I confess that I have trusted in my personality, my gifts, my experience and my training to have a successful ministry rather than "trusting in the Lord with all my heart."

Father, I confess that I am a fearful, selfish, prideful leader and I have put on a mask so that people do not find out who I really am – a sinner saved by grace serving You in Your power for Your glory alone.

Father, I confess that I believe I can talk my way through sermons, leadership meetings and teaching opportunities rather than relying on Your Spirit to be the one who speaks.

Father, I confess I want ministry success for my name's fame more than I want ministry faithfulness and Your name's fame.

Father, I confess my busyness in life. I am so busy because I don't plan out my time and I care so much about what people think about me that they control my schedule.

Father, I confess that my public life doesn't match the reality of my private life.

Father, I confess that I have viewed ministry success based on worldly standards.

Father, I confess that I care more about what people think about me than what You think about me.

Father, I confess that I have sought out false intimacy through pornography.

Father, I confess that I have forgotten I am Your beloved son/daughter in whom You are well pleased.

Father, I confess that I have small faith, and I want you to increase my faith.

Father, I confess that sometimes I want to quit and throw in the towel.

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SOAK IN THESE PROMISES OF FORGIVENESS AND RECEIVE THESE WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF PARDON AS GOD SPEAKS TO YOU:

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD", and You forgave the guilt of my sin. — Psalm 32:3-5

The LORD is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear Him. For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. —Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18

He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for His children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear Him. — Psalm 103:8-13

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem. It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. —Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8



GROUP TIME 3

Give everyone the opportunity to share from their experience on these two questions.

1. What was the most significant insight or response to the section on God’s provision?

2. What was the most significant insight or response to the section on God’s forgiveness?

Have three people praise God for His provision and forgiveness. Ask God for protection for your group as you continue praying. Ask God for the ability to pray with His power.

Go now to your individual prayer time and return in one and a half hours at this time:

GOD'S POWER

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8

We have heard and preached sermons about God's "dynamite" power from Acts 1:8, but why are we not seeing more results? We have interpreted this verse to mean we will preach powerful sermons and have powerful evangelism, but is this what the apostles understood Jesus was saying?

We are tempted to interpret this passage as a "proclamational-only power" from the words spoken in preaching, teaching and evangelism, but this is an Enlightenment and Reformation idea we are transposing on the text. What if Jesus was saying it would be an "incarnational power" that would move out into all nations?

Jesus' concept about being witnesses is what He modeled to the apostles during His earthly ministry. Remember He spent many hours, days and months with the disciples.

The apostles would not have heard Jesus retelling the Great Commission in Acts 1:8 as a proclamational-only ministry, but rather an incarnational one. We see from the book of Acts what the apostles did after Jesus ascended and sent them out. They did preach publicly, but the majority of their ministry was carried out in the same way that Jesus ministered to them. They spread out throughout the Roman Empire, making and training disciples as they went. It was said that they turned the world upside down, as they were proclamational and incarnational witnesses of Jesus. (Acts 12:17)

Pray these prayers and elaborate as you are led:

God, make the preaching at our church powerful enough to regenerate the lost, sanctify the saved, encourage the fainthearted, convict the hardhearted, equip the faithful and give hope to the hopeless.

God, give me the faith to invest in a few in an incarnational way so they will grow to maturity and can do the same with others.

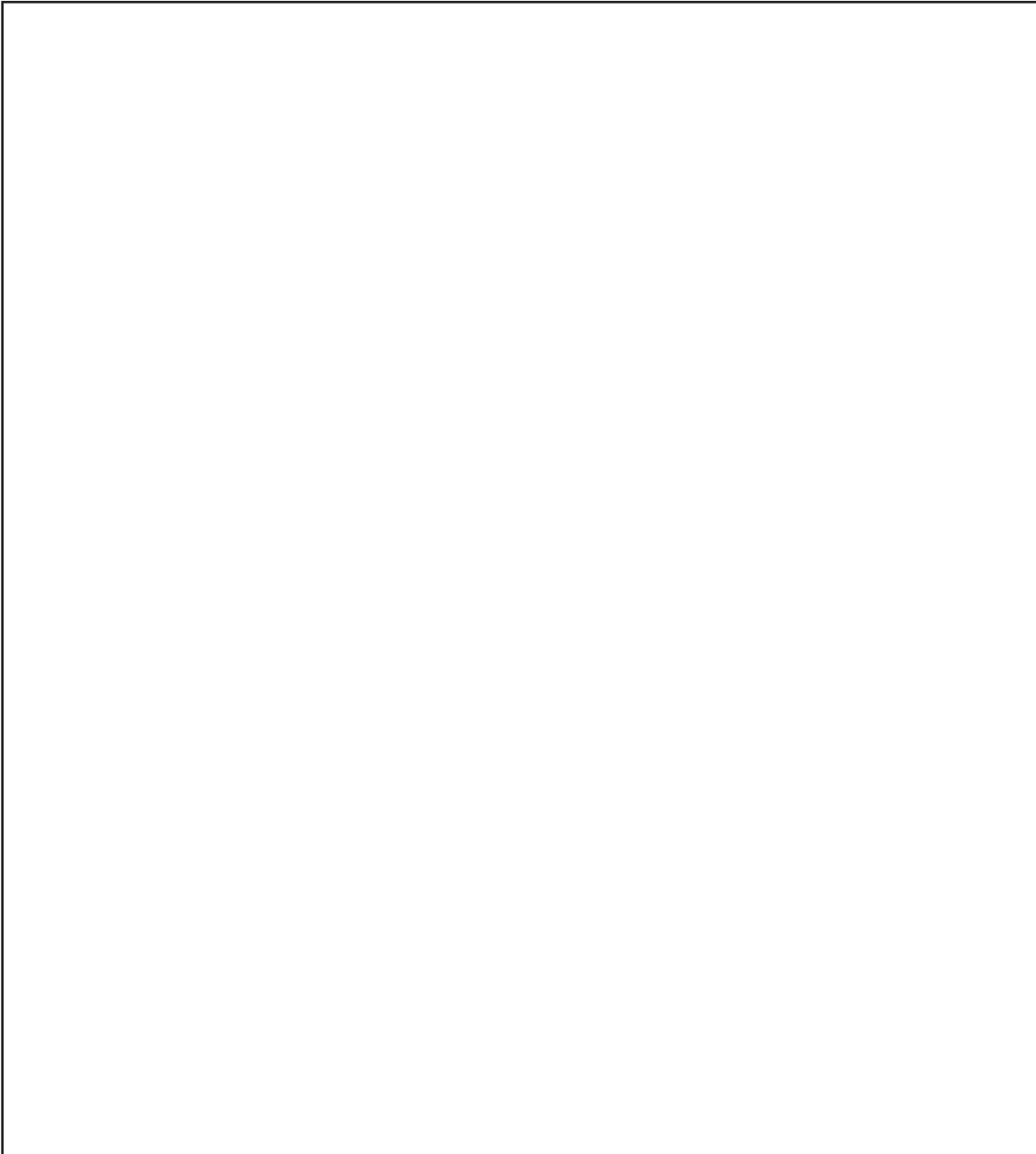
God, give our church the power to obey Jesus' command to love and serve the least and the lost in our community.

God, give our church the spirit of John 17, where Jesus asked that His disciples would be one as He is one with the Father. Please bless other churches in our city. Open up opportunities for us to work with other churches in our community and city for Gospel renewal.

God, give us a heart for where You are working in the nations so that our church can be a part of Your work.

God, give us power over the world's philosophies, the sinful nature, and the enemy's temptations in our lives, ministry and church.

God, give me a picture of what could happen in and through my life and ministry which would strengthen and expand Your kingdom through our church. Draw a picture here:



God, what other insights do You have for me now?

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JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF AND HIS DISCIPLES

Read John 17:1-5 as Jesus prays for himself. What is significant to you about what was on Jesus' heart? Pray these things for yourself.

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Read John 17:6-19 as Jesus prays for the disciples. What is significant to you about what was on Jesus' heart? Pray these things for those you are discipling or will disciple.

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Read John 17:20-26 as Jesus prays for those who would become disciples through the disciples. What is significant to you about what was on Jesus' heart? Pray these things for those who will become followers of Jesus through those you have disciplined.

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GROUP TIME 4

Give everyone the opportunity to share their experience with these two questions.

1. What was the most significant insight or response to the section on God's Power?

2. What was the most significant insight or response to the section on Jesus' Prayer?

Have three people praise God for His power and the prayers of Jesus. Ask God for perseverance as we offer our supplications and intercessions on behalf of others. Give thanks for this Day of Kingdom Prayer and ask God to change us as a result of being with Him.

Go now to your individual prayer time and return in one and a half hours at this time:

SUPPLICATION

Reflect on these Prayer Promises:

Jeremiah 33:3 - Call to me, and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

Matthew 21:22 - If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

1 John 5:14-15 - This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you.

Philippians 4:6-7 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

3 John 1:2 - Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

Psalms 23:3 - He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Isaiah 30:21 - Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Proverbs 21:1 - The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases.

God, direct me now as I pray for these people, situations and opportunities:

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APPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

What was the most significant insight God has shown me today?

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What has God done in my life today as a result of spending a day with Him?

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In what area do I need support or help from a friend, coach or mentor?

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What is the main action step God has told me to carry out?

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Write a thanksgiving prayer to God.

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GROUP TIME 5

Give everyone the opportunity to share BRIEFLY from the previous “Application and Thanksgiving” section.

Conclude the Day of Kingdom Prayer with each person thanking God for His character and how He is leading your church in a Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship movement.

Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.

Our Father in heaven hallowed by 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 also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

Forever. Amen.

-Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

