Diving Deeper into Discipleship

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Teach Us to Pray: The Coming Kingdom

Sermon Reflection Questions:

- Will you declare Jesus as the rightful King of your life, as the One who saved you and leads you, and express your desire to submit to His Lordship?
- Are there any parts of the instructions for the Kingdom of God that you struggle following? Pray for greater strength and deeper wisdom.
- Do you see your life, your family, and your church as "sacred spaces" through which the Kingdom of God can be manifested?
- Pray that the Kingdom would come, and that God would prepare you for the struggle with the powers and principalities of this world that will surely come as the Kingdom grows.

Devotional Reading and Reflection

- **1 Chronicles 29:10-13** | What does this prayer of David teach us about the extent of the rule of God?
- **2 Samuel 7:1-16** | Why is it so important in Scripture that there is a connection between King David and Jesus?
- **Matthew 7:21-23** | What does this passage teach us about entering into the Kingdom of God?

Self-Care Discipline

June Discipline: Steps into Worship

Presence & Practice (cont.) | from *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, pg 171-172)

- To worship is to experience Reality, to touch Life. It is to know, to feel, to experience the resurrected Christ in the midst of the gathered community. It is a breaking into the glory of God, or better yet, being invaded by the glory of God. The following are simple steps that can aid in the experience of worship.
- You need to cultivate a holy dependency. Holy dependency means that you are utterly and completely dependent on God for anything significant to happen. There is inward travail that the evil will weaken and that the good will rise up. You look forward to God acting and moving and teaching and wooing and winning. The work is God's and not yours.
- You should absorb distractions with gratitude. If there is noise or distraction, rather than fussing and fuming about it, learn to take it in and conquer it or even learn from it. Become willing to relax with distractions—they may be a message from the Lord. Learn simply to receive whatever happens in a gathered worship experience, rather than feeling that distractions somehow deter you from worshiping God.

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