



ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN Matthew 6:10

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1. Many followers of Jesus long to understand and know God's will. We often ask Him to reveal it. Share a time when you sought God's will. Do you believe He revealed it? If so, in what way? If not, how did you respond?

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2. Matthew 4:23 tells us that Jesus "went throughout all Galilee . . . proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom." God's kingdom is often characterized as "God's global and sovereign rule made manifest in the person and work of Jesus Christ." In your own words, process what might be meant by this statement.
3. Beginning in Matthew 6:9, Jesus gives the crowds an example of how to pray. As this unfolds, He suggests that people pray for the Father's kingdom to come (Matthew 6:10). What are the implications of this—both for now and in the future? Include your reflections from the previous question.
4. Immediately following Jesus' invitation to pray for God's kingdom to come, He invites us to pray that the Father's will be done (Matthew 6:10). Carefully read Luke 9:23, Micah 6:8 and Romans 12:1–2. How do these passages about God's will influence how you think and live? What other passages could be included? Significantly, in what way is Psalm 119:105 important in this regard?
5. The last line in Matthew 6:10 finds Jesus inviting us to pray that the Father's will would be done "on earth as it is in heaven." Take time to consider these passages: Philippians 2:9–11 & 3:20–21, Hebrews 7:25, Revelation 5:1–14 & 7:9–12. How do these verses influence what to pray for "on earth as it is in heaven"?

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6. One of the reasons New Hope Church is purposing to be "a Christ-centered community for all peoples" is the conviction that the gathering of "tribes and peoples and languages standing before the throne and before the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9) is something to be manifested "on earth as it is in heaven." In what ways can you better champion this vision before a sinful and broken world? Keep Philippians 3:20 in mind. What are the challenges of this effort?
7. With your Life Group, friends or family, take time right now to pray for the Father's kingdom to come, His will to be done and that it would be so on earth as in heaven. Pray as robustly and humbly as you can. Be sure to also praise God for the ways you see His will unfolding.