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FUNDOCY Homework: Kingdom Come and Will be Done

Lesson Taught on Sunday, March 31

Homework Due: Sunday, April 14

A. Kingdom Come

Society will never be perfect, but we can still work for the kingdom. We can never know God fully on this side of eternity, but we can catch a glimpse of the kingdom if we ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts. Our families, communities, and relationships are broken, but they can be enriched, strengthened and enhanced when we pray for, yearn for and work for God's reign in our lives. God's reign enters our world when first the Holy Spirit enters our hearts. The kingdom comes when first we pray "Come, Holy Spirit." So, what now?

Part I: The Lesson

1. Using a dictionary, define "petition".

2. When used in reference to prayer, a petition is:

- a. A request signed by at least 10,000 people so God will listen and pay attention,
- b. A demand made to God,
- c. A request made to God,
- d. A request made by a pet

3. Read Matthew 6:10a. What does it say:

This is known as the second *petition* of the Lord's Prayer.

4. We tend to think of heaven as a physical place—a place we go to when we die. Yet Jesus used the "kingdom of God" and the "kingdom of heaven" interchangeably. Many of Jesus' kingdom analogies had more to do with life here and now than with the afterlife.

- Read Mark 10:14. Jesus says that the Kingdom of God belongs to _____
- Read Matthew 6:33. Jesus instructs us to "strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness" and then "all these things will be _____".
- Read Mark 1:15. In Jesus, "the Kingdom of God has _____"
- Read Mark 12:28-34. Jesus is speaking to a man who follows God's laws, and Jesus says to him that the man is "not far from _____". By saying this, Jesus teaches that following the commandments brings us close to the Kingdom of God.
- Read Luke 17:21. Where does Jesus say the kingdom of God is?

“The kingdom of God is _____”

[Read Martin Luther’s explanation of the Lord’s Prayer to help you answer these questions (you can find his explanation in the Small Catechism...either the one we gave you, or ask your parents to help you find it online)]

5. When does God’s kingdom come?:
 - A. When God gives us the Holy Spirit,
 - B. When, by God’s grace, we believe God’s Word,
 - C. When we live a godly life on earth,
 - D. All of the above, and one day it will come in a big way in heaven
6. What does it mean to ask for God’s kingdom to come?:
 - A. We are asking that God will take over the White House,
 - B. We are asking Jesus to wipe out all the infidels,
 - C. We are asking Jesus to set up a new world order,
 - D. We are asking that God’s reign of justice, peace, and love comes directly into our lives and world
7. What would have to change in order for this world to look more like heaven on earth?:
 - A. All Democrats would have to turn Republican,
 - B. All Republicans would have to turn Democrat,
 - C. SpongeBob SquarePants would have to be elected dictator of the world,
 - D. People’s hearts
8. What does the Holy Spirit do to usher God’s Kingdom to us?
 - A. Calls us through the Gospel,
 - B. Gathers us together with other Christians,
 - C. Enlightens our minds, sanctifies us (makes us holy) and keeps us united with Jesus in the one true faith,
 - D. All of the above
9. Why won’t we ever have a perfect kingdom here on earth?:
 - A. People don’t have very good management skills,
 - B. Human nature is flawed by sin,
 - C. We do, (it’s called Chocolate World),
 - D. We do, (it’s called North Dakota)
10. The Second Petition to the Lord’s Prayer, Matthew 6:10a, tells us:
 - A. Not much – it’s too short,

- B. God’s kingdom won’t come unless we pray for it,
- C. God’s kingdom will come whether we pray for it or not, but we ask in this prayer that it may come also to us,
- D. Only 144,000 will be saved and you didn’t make the cut

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

1. List five elements that would have to be in place in order to have a perfect society according to God’s standards.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
2. What is one thing you can do today to bring a little bit of God’s kingdom to someone who is hurting?

B. Will be done

“Have it your way.” This old Burger King slogan could sum up American life. It’s all about us and what we want...but this is not the truth as taught to us in the Bible. Rather, God teaches us that we should be as concerned for other people as we are for ourselves, and that we should treat others in the same way we want to be treated. Every day, we have the opportunity to choose whether we will follow our ways, or God’s ways. Our way leads to death. God’s way leads to life. Which do you want to choose?

Part I: The Lesson

1. We live in a world that tells us we can do anything we want, and we can have anything we want. Everywhere we turn, we hear messages aimed at self-gratification and our egos—look the best, own the best, you deserve the best. Brainstorm three commercial slogans that sell the “have it your way” philosophy. (Ex: Burger King “Have it your way burger”)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. Contrary to cultural messages, however, the Bible teaches us that GOD’S ways are more important than OUR ways, and Jesus teaches us to pray for “God’s will to be done”, not for our own will to be done. Read Matthew 6:10b and complete the statement:

“Your kingdom come. Your _____ be done, on _____ as it is in _____”

3. How do we spell “sin” at Trinity? _____

4. When we studied the creation story, we learned about how sin entered the world through the actions of Adam and Eve, who cared more about their own will, than God’s will....they cared so much about themselves that they wanted to be *like* God.

Read Gen. 3:5 and complete the verse: “...for God knows that when you eat of [the fruit] your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing _____ and _____”

5. After they ate the fruit of the forbidden tree, God punished Adam and Eve for disobeying. Read Genesis 3:22-24 and complete God’s statement:

“Then the LORD God said, ‘See, the man has become _____ one of us [he has become like a god], knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of _____, and eat, and live _____”.

6. As part of their punishment, God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden of _____ (Gen. 3:23), but God didn’t kill them. God permitted them (and us!) to have free will and make their own decisions in life...for better or for worse! The decisions we make are ultimately up to us, but God instructs us to make decisions that are in line with God’s will ...which is why Jesus teaches us to pray “_____ will be done” (Mt. 6:10b)

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

1. Why do we need to pray for God’s will to be done? If God is God, can’t God do it without us?

2. List five things happening in the world today that are definitely not the will of God:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. What is one thing you could do to bring God’s will to one of the situations above?

4. A classmate says, "I can't believe in a God who would allow wars, starvation, and all this evil in the world. Either God isn't all powerful, or God isn't all loving." How do you respond?
