

Series: Hallowed be your name

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Small group questions

Leaders: choose some, but not all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

1. Was there anything new for you from the message? Any questions?

In regard to the phrase "Your will be done" we explored:

The implication

2. The clear implication of the phrase is: _____
3. Read how God is described in Psalm 145:8 and 103:8. Why then is the human race so slow to do God's will?
4. How significant is mankind's failure to do God's in terms of the mess the world is in?

The request

5. 'Your will be done' is a prayer
 - a. For change on earth - may your will be done more often by more people
 - b. For personal change - may I know your will, love your will, do your will
 - c. Of personal surrender - Lord - you know best - I surrender to what you want in my life.Discuss the impact when this prayer is answered. Which of these aspects is the most challenging to pray?
6. How will we come to know God's will? (Read Romans 12:1-2)

The cost

7. Read Matthew 26:36-42. Praying "your will be done" may be costly. What might it cost *us* to pray this prayer? Have you an experience of praying 'your will be done' which was quite significant yet brought great joy in the end?
8. The Methodist covenant service sums up well what this prayer is all about on the personal level: *I am no longer my own Lord, but Yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will, put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.* How do you feel about this sort of radical commitment/surrender to God?

The joy

9. What is the lie about surrendering to the will of God that the evil one would have us believe?
10. What is the actual truth about living in the will of God? (See for example Habakkuk 3:17). How can we learn to joyfully surrender to God's will in the same way?

Take some time to ask that as we pray "your will be done" we will we surrender our whole selves to God's will.