

# Life Group Lesson

## “Kingdom Fasting and Prayer”

### September 11, 2011

***Below are verses and questions from the weekend message. The goal is not to read every verse and ask every question but to use them to bring about discussion, study, interaction, and growth of your group members to be the church of Jesus Christ.***

#### **READ**

Matthew 6:9-10

#### **ASK**

1. When you pray, is it in accordance with the Kingdom of God? In other words, are you praying God's agenda or your own?
  2. Do you deeply desire to see God's will done on earth just as it is in heaven?
  3. Do you begin prayer by reverencing (hallowing) God? If not, it may be an indication that your prayers are not Kingdom centered.
  4. What does it mean to pray "your kingdom come"?
  5. What does it mean to pray "your will be done"?
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#### **READ**

Psalm 85:6

#### **ASK**

1. This verse seems to connect revival and rejoicing. Revival comes first, then rejoicing. Are you desperately asking God to revive you?
  2. Do your actions display a person who is longing for personal revival?
  3. Revival brings rejoicing in the Lord. What are you rejoicing in?
  4. What is keeping you from making a fresh start in the resurrection life?
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**For true Kingdom-centered revival to happen we must deal with three words: agreement, alignment, and assignment.**

#### **READ**

Amos 3:3 and Galatians 2:20

#### **ASK**

1. Are you in agreement about furthering the Kingdom? Are you in agreement with other believers about this?
  2. What are you doing to see this happen?
  3. Who do you live for? Who lives in you?
  4. How are you using your earthly body for God's heavenly Kingdom?
  5. Is your lifestyle in agreement with Galatians 2:20 and God's Kingdom?
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## READ

Matthew 17:14-21

## ASK

1. How is your faith? This is evidenced by your actions.
  2. What is your faith causing you to do? Or, what is your faithlessness causing you to not do?
  3. Jesus connected faithless and perverse. Faithless all by itself doesn't sound "wicked". But throw in "perverse" and it sounds like you have done something really bad. How are "faithless" and "perverse" connected?
  4. When we don't align ourselves with God's purposes and priorities then we are perverse and faithless. We have traded in the plan of God for our own! What perverse, faithless people we become.
  5. Is your faith strong? How are you showing it so you can build the Kingdom as the church?
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## READ

Mark 11:23; 9:32 and 1 John 4:4

## ASK

1. What mountain is in your way? What actions are you doing to remove it?
  2. What impossibilities are keeping you from fulfilling Kingdom priorities?
  3. Have you resorted to the problems and difficulties of this world being greater than the Spirit who lives in you? Remember, you have already won the victory!
  4. Are you dreaming big things for God?
  5. Name 3 HUGE things you want to accomplish for the Lord before you die.
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## READ

Acts 13:2-3

## ASK

1. The Holy Spirit set apart Barnabas and Saul for the ministry. This came about during worship and fasting. In your worship and fasting, are you expecting God to show you the ministry He has for you?
  2. When He shows you, how are you being set apart for the assignment? In other words, when God shows you what you are to do, how do you order your life so that you can accomplish His assignment? Or, do you simply continue with your own assignments?
  3. First, they prayed and fasted to see the assignment. Once they saw the assignment they prayed and fasted again BEFORE they left to do the assignment. According to this, how important is fasting and prayer to the assignments of the Lord?
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## READ

Luke 4:40-43

## ASK

1. Jesus said he must preach the Good news of the Kingdom of God – this was why he was sent. What is your mission? Why were you sent to your job, school, neighborhood, etc.?
2. Great works followed Jesus because he was obedient to his calling. Do you desire great works to follow you? Are you obedient to your calling/assignment?