

Week commencing Sunday 28th May

St John's Meads – Home Groups

Thy Kingdom Come

John 17. 1-11



Introduction: Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring other to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.

Discuss:

- In verses 1-5 Jesus asks only one thing for Himself. What is it? What do you think this means?
What do you believe Jesus means by "glorify" the Father?
- In verse 3 Jesus says 'Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.' How is this definition different from merely living forever? How do you seek to know Jesus and the Father better?
How does this make a difference to the way we pray for others?
- Jesus prays 'Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.' (John 17.5) How is Jesus glorified when believers are one 'as we are one' (verse 11)? How might we demonstrate that oneness in the way we live?
- Jesus prays in the triumphant expectation that he has overcome the world (John 16.33): through Jesus we have all we need and are equipped to do greater works than Jesus (John 14.12). How does this affect the way we pray and live?
- 'Prayer changes things'. Can you share any times when you have known that prayer has changed a situation?

Pray: Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

'Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'