

Small-Group Guide: "Teach Us to Pray, Week 4"

One Hope Church · Series: *Teach Us to Pray* (week 4 of 7) · Sermon by Pastor Scott Moore · Sunday, October 18, 2026

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPz9lexUwus>

Opening question (5 minutes)

Pastor Scott described how fans complained when the Buffalo Bills' old stadium was demolished, even though a better one was being built. What is something familiar you once found hard to let go of?

Read aloud

Luke 11:2 ("When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.'")

Luke 17:20–21 (the kingdom of God is "in your midst")

Luke 19:37–42 (the crowd praises the king; Jesus weeps over Jerusalem)

Optional: Daniel 2:44–45; Matthew 6:10

Note: the Scripture shown on screen matches the NIV, and Pastor Scott referred to the NIV's wording of Luke 17:21.

Discussion

Observation

1. In Luke 11, who asks Jesus to teach them to pray? What three words of His prayer did this sermon focus on?
2. In Luke 17:20–21, what do the Pharisees ask Jesus, and how does He answer?
3. In Luke 19, what does the crowd call Jesus, what do some of the Pharisees ask Him to do, and how does Jesus respond as He sees the city?

Interpretation

4. Pastor Scott described Rome as a kingdom "built on dominance" and "forced submission." Why would the people of Jesus' day have wanted God's kingdom so badly?
5. He explained that the word Luke uses can mean "in your midst" but can also carry the meaning "within you." He said, "The kingdom of God not only changes the world around you, it is changing you." What difference does that second meaning make?

Application

6. Pastor Scott named things we may need to let go of: fear about finances or relationships, a grudge, an attitude, an addiction, "a way of thinking." Which of these, or something else, is hardest for you to release?
7. He said, "Your prayer isn't, 'Will You bless my kingdom?'" but "May Your kingdom come to my life." What would it look like to pray that way every day this week?

Prayer prompt

Pray, as Pastor Scott did, for God to change our value system, our mindset, our fears, and the things we are holding on to, and for the trust to say, "Jesus, I don't want to hold on to my life. I want Your kingdom to come within me."

For kids

Jesus taught us to pray "Your kingdom come," which means telling Him, "Jesus, You are my king."

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