

PEALS OF THUNDER

REVELATION 11:15-19 // TODD DUGARD
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The kingdom of God in me means grateful surrender to his reign (11:15, 17), humble worship before his throne (11:16), joyful rest in his justice (11:18), and firm confidence in his plan (11:19).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When is your first memory of hearing the Lord's prayer? What context was it in, and why do you think people were saying it? Did they actually want what they prayed for?
2. **Matthew recorded what we call the Lord's prayer in his Gospel (See Matthew 6:9-15). Jesus provided it as an example when his disciples asked to be taught to pray. For that reason, it has also been called the disciple's prayer. To develop a greater sense of God's Kingdom in your own life, meditate on the first three prayer requests that Jesus taught the disciples to make.** How do you cooperate daily with God to see these prayers answered?
3. **For some people, expressing gratitude to God begins and ends with saying, "thank you, Lord". Over time, the words can become shallow, especially if we are not considering any specific way that God has helped us.** What can you do to deepen your appreciation for what God's reign has brought to your life? How could a growing list of things you are grateful for help you?
4. **In verse 16, we read that the twenty-four elders get off their thrones (implied) to fall on their faces before God. Their worship is humble and God-ward and sets an example for God's people everywhere.** Is your worship in line with the example the elders give? How does your worship express deep humility in the presence of God?
5. **As the Kingdom of God continues to overcome the Kingdom of the World, we should expect justice for those who have been treated unjustly.** Are you sensitive to matters of injustice? What are some justice issues that you long to see made right when Jesus returns? How can you minimize the effects of injustice as it relates to those issues?

6. **The news often gives us reasons to fret, but these Scriptures are written to give us reason to hope.** Is there any recent news that has troubled you? What will it mean for you to “not fret” about it because of your understanding of God’s ultimate plans?