

Prayer (3 of 3)
Small Group Discussion Questions

Join our congregation for worship in-person or online at 10:30 am each Sunday via our [Grantham Church YouTube Channel](#). If you ever miss a message, the sermons are always posted to the [recent sermons page](#) at our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

Sunday, September 5th 2021



Sermon Series Focus: Throughout the Scriptures and church history, every spiritual awakening and renewal was founded on intense, corporate, Kingdom-centered prayer. Therefore, we must see prayer as being about more than going to God for our own spiritual and physical needs, or for the purpose of personal growth. In addition to those things, we must see prayer as our cry for more of the Kingdom! What does the Bible say about this? And what might it look like if we begin to pray this way at Grantham?

Sermon Title: Our Cry for the Kingdom

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:9-10; Mark 6:6-13, 30-52; Ephesians 3:20-21

Sermon Focus: As the disciples learned in the feeding of the five thousand, greater faith is required for Jesus (God in the flesh) to do the impossible. Like them, we must remember what God has done in the past, and trust that God can deliver us from the storm. Listen as Pastor David concludes our series by inviting us to apply the lessons from Mark 6 and begin praying a *breakthrough prayer* with our congregation.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read Mark 6:6-13, 30-52 together. How does the story speak to you? What challenges you? How is this story relevant for the Church in 2021?
2. Mark tells us that the disciples, “were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened” (Mk 6:51-52). What do you understand to be the point of “the loaves” that they misunderstood? Also, why do you think their hearts were hardened? How are we often like them?
3. Pastor David shared a few lessons we can learn from this story. Discuss each of these with your group. How is God speaking to you about each of these?
 - We’re called to live by faith and trust in God’s provision and power.
 - Jesus wants to increase our faith and for us to grow in our dependency upon him with each passing event.
 - God can take the little we have and multiply it with faith.
 - In the midst of the storm, remember the miracle in your basket!
 - Prayer is how we access and release God’s blessings—our prayers can be cries for heaven to break through into our situation.
4. Jesus taught his disciples to pray for God’s “will to be done”—literally, “come into existence” or “breakthrough” into our situation. In what areas of your life and our church are you seeing the need for “breakthrough” prayer? Be specific.
5. Pastor David introduced us to *Grantham’s Breakthrough Prayer*. Share with your group how you plan to incorporate this prayer into your regular routines.
6. We invite you to spend some time in prayer as a group and then close with everyone praying aloud Grantham’s Breakthrough Prayer:

Father,

We cry out for more of your Kingdom in and through Grantham Church! Please break through our darkness, free us from our bondage, and open doors for greater ministry. Fill us with your Spirit and empower us by your grace, and we will surrender and faithfully follow Jesus in fulfilling your gospel mission. Amen.