

**Discussion / Reflection Guide**  
**Prayer Tips From The Master – Week of September 3, 2017**

**Read Romans 8:19-22**

- What is “the curse” referred to in Romans 8:20? See Genesis 3:6-24
- In what ways is the earth affected by “the curse?”
- When Jesus returns, the earth will be set free from “the curse” and will be able to enjoy the peace and harmony God intends it to experience.
- When we pray that “God’s Kingdom come, God’s Will be done,” it is a way of asking God to restore the peace and harmony He intended for the earth to experience. Can God use you to help restore that peace and harmony? What steps can you take to help do this?

**Read Matthew 6:10**

- The “Kingdom of God” can mean a lot of different things. It can refer to a literal earthly kingdom in which God is “calling the shots” on what happens here on earth – but that won’t fully happen until Jesus returns to earth. It could also refer to a spiritual kingdom in which God rules on the throne of our hearts. See Luke 17:20-21. That can happen right now.
- On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 is almost none, 10 is totally), how would you rate the amount of your life that you have surrendered to God’s “reign” or “will?”
- When we ask God to establish his Kingdom, it requires that people submit to His authority. In essence, then, this prayer is a request that God will influence people to submit to His authority and will attempt to follow His will in their lives.
- Are there some areas in your life you have not totally submitted to God? Are there some changes God would have you make? Ask God to show you some areas which might need to be surrendered to Him.

**1 Timothy 2:1-4**

- Why would God want us to pray for “kings” and “rulers?”
- What exactly does it say we are to request of God when we pray for others? Why is this important?
- What is it that 1 Tim. 2:3 says pleases God?
- 1 Tim. 2:4 talks about people being “saved” (i.e., accept God’s grace and commit their lives in faith to Jesus). How does this relate to the prayers which are mentioned in 1 Tim. 2:1-2?
- Have you surrendered your life to Jesus? Do you have friends / family who need to be “saved?” What can you do to help influence them to make this decision? At the very least you can pray for them! Spend some time doing that right now.