

Look at the Book

Luke 17:20-21; Matthew 6:9 -13; I Peter 1:10-11 (NIV)

The Kingdom Here and Now--Already

²⁰ Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God **is not something that can be observed,** ²¹ nor will people say, '**Here it is,**' or '**There it is,**' because the kingdom of God **is in your midst.**"^l

The Kingdom Not Yet Fully Here—The Lord's Prayer

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth **as it is in heaven.**

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² **And forgive us our debts,**

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from the evil one.**

The Eternal Kingdom—Fully Expressed

¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, **you will never stumble,** ¹¹ and you will receive **a rich welcome** into the **eternal kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Probing

1. God's kingdom—in its fullness—is a perfect place. When you pray that God's kingdom come, you are asking for perfect things on earth. According to the Lord's Prayer, complete the following sentences:
 - Instead of hunger, people will have _____.
 - Instead of grudges, people will offer _____.
 - Instead of evil, people will experience _____.
2. Jesus said that the kingdom of God is in your midst. What evidence do you see of the kingdom of God in your youth group?
3. Compare your youth group to what will happen in heaven. What differences do you see?