

**Dig Deeper @Home – “The Way of the Kingdom”**  
**Complement to lesson on 10/20/24 – “Live God’s Word”**

**ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. How would you finish this phrase: Rules are ...
2. What color leaf do you most enjoy seeing in the fall?

**MEMORIZE – Matthew 6:5**

“This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

**READ –Matthew 7: 12-29**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
  - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
  - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Read Luke 7: 43-49. Compare and contrast these verses with what you read in Matthew 7: 12-29
3. In 7:16 Jesus tells us that false prophets will be known by their fruit.
  - a. What does Jesus mean by fruit?
  - b. What fruit is evident in your life?
4. Matthew ends by recording, “the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority.”
  - a. What authority did the people see?
  - b. Does Jesus have this authority in your life? What evidence do you have to support your answer?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Living Wisely**

Jesus said, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” Read back through the entire sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7). Before you do, ask the Holy Spirit to especially highlight one part He wants you to surrender to and live out this week.

After reading through, write down what verses the Holy Spirit is leading you to act on and where and how you will live them out. End your time by praying and asking Jesus to help you as you put his words into practice this week.

## **SING**

**Behold Him** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izK4kl\\_wmA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izK4kl_wmA)

**Come Thou Fount** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yINnG5bxnsE>

**Reckless Love** - <https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE>

**His Mercy is More** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

**Trust and Obey** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB4KcleYiWM>

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us. In the Spirit of Matthew 6:10, pray also that God’s “kingdom come, (His) will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

### **Sending prayer based on the message:**

Heavenly Father, may your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Holy Spirit, help me to put the words of Jesus into action in my life where I live, work, study, worship and play.