

Our Father | Episode 3: Thy Kingdom Come

PREPARATION

We call our home our castle. That would make the present day world our acknowledged kingdom, but there is going to be an end to all of this. Are we living our lives for the Kingdom to come? Our decision has eternal consequences.

Be prepared for our SFW by completing the steps below and reviewing the Warm-up and Workout Questions – our SFW is vital to our team’s success. Remember, we are only as strong as our weakest member.

1. **Before** our SFW Team meeting, watch or listen to Our Father | Episode 3: Thy Kingdom Come
 - o <https://www.echocommunity.us/ctg3.html>
2. **Before** our SFW Team meeting, read and contemplate the following **Scripture References** made in the episode. How do you relate to these passages?

Ephesians 6:12

Joshua 24:15

John 1:3-5

John 16:32-33

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Matthew 7:21-23

1 John 2:15-17

Matthew 6:33

Galatians 5:19-21

3. Read and reflect on the following paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) **before** our SFW Team meeting.
 - o **2818** In the Lord’s Prayer, “thy kingdom come” refers primarily to the final coming of the reign of God through Christ’s return. But, far from distracting the Church from her mission in this present world, this desire commits her to it all the more strongly. Since Pentecost, the coming of that Reign is the work of the Spirit of the Lord who “complete[s] his work on earth and brings us the fullness of grace.”
 - o **2820** By a discernment according to the Spirit, Christians have to distinguish between the growth of the Reign of God and the progress of the culture and society in which they are involved. This distinction is not a separation. Man’s vocation to eternal life does not suppress, but actually reinforces, his duty to put into action in this world the energies and means received from the Creator to serve justice and peace.
 - o **2821** This petition is taken up and granted in the prayer of Jesus which is present and effective in the Eucharist; it bears its fruit in new life in keeping with the Beatitudes.

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- See Also: **2816, 2817, 2819**

“To keep a lamp burning we have to keep putting oil in it.” – **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

SPIRITUAL FITNESS WORKOUT QUESTIONS

Warm-up Question:

What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?

Workout Questions:

1. What is the difference between the “kingdom of this world” and the “Kingdom of God?”

2. Jesus tells us in scripture that the Kingdom of God will last forever. What is your understanding of eternity (forever)?

3. What does it mean to “Plant the flag of the Kingdom of Christ in our hearts?”

4. What are some of the obstacles in your life that are preventing you from following the “Kingdom of God?” (Galatians 5:19-12)

SPIRITUAL FITNESS WORKOUT QUESTIONS CONT.

5. John the Baptist came to prepare the people to receive the Kingdom of God. Identify one way you can bring the Kingdom of God into your home – into your workplace.

6. Name one area in your life that you have difficulty surrendering to the Lordship of Jesus.

PERSONAL ACTION ITEM:

Take the last few minutes of your SFW to come up with a **personal action item** you will work on between now and the next SFW.

I commit to becoming spiritually fit by

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, I give myself to you now and always.
I am prepared to defend all you entrust to me.

With the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, boots of the gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit I will contend against the spiritual hosts of wickedness – And I will fear no evil.

Amen.