



## CORNERSTONE REFLECTION GUIDE

### SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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**Title:** Project Mockingbird: Our Calling Is Clear

**Preacher:** Rev. Matt Tuggle

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:9-13

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray not just for our own needs but for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven—including right here in Dallas. This is a call to live in alignment with heaven's values: relationship with God, justice, mercy, forgiveness, and daily provision.

HPUMC's Project Mockingbird puts this prayer into action—by investing in the church, equipping leaders, and partnering with the community to bring hope, healing, and renewal to our city.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stuck out to you about this sermon? Was there an idea that was particularly meaningful or challenging for you?
2. Read Matthew 6:11. Who in your life or community is in need—physically, emotionally, or spiritually? How can we set the tone for generosity and compassion, rather than simply reacting to the needs around us?
3. Read Matthew 6:12. What does forgiveness look like in a divided world? How does extending grace “set the temperature” in your relationships or community?
4. Read Matthew 6:13. Where do you see brokenness in our city? How can we pray and take action to bring light, healing, and change?
5. In his “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote the following: “In those days the Church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society.” How would you describe the church (the people of God) in

our world today? How can we be more like a thermostat, setting the temperature of our city?

## WEEKLY PRACTICE

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Praying “*Your kingdom come*” means asking God to make His reign visible **in Dallas, as it is in heaven**—through us, His church. We are called not only to pray the prayer but to become the answer, embodying God’s kingdom in our city for the sake of the world.

This week, continue to pray the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) daily. As you pray, reflect on the following questions:

- Where do I see glimpses of God’s kingdom in my city?
- Where do I see brokenness or need that calls for God’s peace (shalom)?
- How might God be inviting me to join Him in that work?
- What is one small step I can take this week to “seek the welfare of the city” at work, in my neighborhood, or through serving others?

The success of Project Mockingbird depends on the collective efforts of our community. Just as a group of mockingbirds is called an “echo,” we invite you to join us in this harmonious effort to make a lasting impact on Dallas. Whether through your time, talents, or financial gifts, your contribution will help create a flourishing legacy for our city. Together, we can ensure that our city is a place where the love of God is seen, felt, and heard every day. Together, we can help Dallas thrive. **Join the echo today!**

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