



Town + Field

CHURCH

Sunday, March 21

Leader Discussion Guide

Matthew: The Not Normal Kingdom

LIFE CHECK-IN (10 minutes)

As we focus in on this series, we want to continue to create space for checking in on each other, but doing so in a shorter amount of time. Take a few minutes to do an emotional health check-in with your Community, creating space for each person to answer the question below:

- What is one thing you're having to trust Jesus with right now?

If the need arises, spend a few minutes praying for one another, asking God to meet needs and help each person carry what feels heavy right now.

OPENING PRAYER (5-7 minutes)

Spend a few minutes listening for what God might be up to in your group.

TEACHING SUMMARY (2-5 minutes)

This week Pastor Ryan continued our new sermon series that will take us through the book of Matthew called "The Not Normal Kingdom".

- How would your group summarize the teaching in their own words?
- Or, what stood out to you from the teaching?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (20-30 minutes)

- What are some of the ideologies you see in our country? Our city?
- Are there any ideologies that feel easy for you to fall into? Are there areas of your faith that you feel that you are deconstructing? What are they?
- Ryan urged us to process 2 questions in the midst of this environment:
 - Who is Jesus to me?
 - What is the Bible to me?
 - (Spend some time sharing your thoughts, feelings, and responses to these questions.)

- Pastor Ryan referenced a quote by C.S. Lewis where he said Jesus was either a liar, lunatic or Lord. He invited us to think critically in a world of ideologies and relativism.
 - How do you feel about Ryan's challenge for us to be people who think critically?
- What do you think the invitation of Jesus is for you in this area?

In our series, we are approaching Jesus' teaching regarding the kingdom of God. What do you think could help you prepare best for this?

PRAYER (5-7 minutes)

- Spend a few minutes praying for God's grace over each other, that we might become a people who make Jesus our Lord, and that there might be a sweeping renewal of the Holy Spirit in our city. Ask that God would stir up within us a desire to be with him in prayer and to serve him and our neighbor in love.
- Take a few minutes to quietly remember and pray for your three.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.