



Town + Field

CHURCH

Sunday, April 18

Leader Discussion Guide

Matthew: The Not Normal Kingdom

LIFE CHECK-IN (10 minutes)

Take a few minutes to check-in with your Community, creating space for each person to answer the question below:

- In what areas of your life do you feel like you are bumping up against your limits?
- Do you sense any invitation from God as you notice these limits?

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 sermon series that will take us through the book of Matthew called “The Not Normal Kingdom”. Take a moment to read Matthew 3:1-12 as a group out loud.

- 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 does the mission statement “Joining God in restoring all things—in our lives and in our world” bring to your mind?
 - How do you connect with it in your own spiritual journey?
- Ryan defined repentance as “Sorrow that results in life change”. What do you think about this definition?
- Based on this definition, do you feel that you have a healthy practice of repentance in your life? How or how not?

- Ryan made the statement “So often we make an abuse of grace rather than a proper use of grace”.
 - How have you observed this in your own life and in the lives of others?
- Would you be willing to share the things you confessed at the end of the service with the group? Are there other things that you would like to confess?
- How do you plan to bring this practice of repentance and confession to life in your world this week?

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.