

NOT NORMAL



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

JANUARY 16: THE END OF OUR ROPE

We all want some level of normal in our life, although it's probably safe to say that we aren't really sure who gets to decide what that is. Maybe it's just a setting on our dryer. Normal suggests that life is good, that we are managing things, that we have a handle on life. But what if Jesus is inviting us to be part of something that's not normal, that is beyond our control? Jesus' description of the Kingdom of Heaven is the furthest thing from normal and He says that those who are at the end of their rope are those who are part of God's kingdom.

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 5:3

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. What is something from the past or something someone you know does regularly that you think is not normal?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. How often do you try to live in response to God like your life is about doing all the right things to be blessed? Why is it important that we understand that the beatitudes are not 9 steps to take in order to be blessed by God?
4. What does it mean to be "poor in spirit?"
5. What area in your life do you need God the most? What kinds of things do you do that keep you from trusting God in that area?
6. What is the "Kingdom of Heaven" and what does it mean to have it?
7. What does it look like for you to embrace your brokenness and pain, and tell God you need Him? What step is the Holy Spirit asking you to take right now to drop the balls and trust God?