

NOT NORMAL



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

FEBRUARY 27: HEART CONDITION

Have you ever met or come close to someone famous? Depending on who it was, you may have been very excited and still tell the story today. For some reason we like seeing famous people. But what about God, do we long to and look for ways to see or encounter God? The people of Israel fell into the practice of believing the only way to see and know God was to stay pure, to follow Torah. Jesus comes along and changes the script, He reveals the way to see and know God is not through religious following of Torah, but through a heart that longs for God.

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 5:8

Psalm 24:3, 4

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. Share a time you saw or met someone famous? If you haven't seen anyone famous, who would you like to meet one day & why?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. Read Psalm 24:3, 4. What "purity laws" do we sometimes put on ourselves or others to help determine if people are Christians?
4. Read Matthew 5:8. Why do you think Jesus deliberately does not include "clean hands" in his statement about blessing? Why is Jesus more concerned with our heart condition than on what we do?
5. Read Matthew 6:19 - 21. If your heart is what motivates you, what is your heart motivating you toward?
6. What things are you doing, not because you have to but because you get to, to know God?
7. What step is the Holy Spirit asking you to take right now to show mercy to someone?