

MOURNING GLORY // Dave Mitchell

- What stood out to you most from Sunday?

Read Matthew 5.1 – 12.

- Why do you think Jesus chooses to start his most famous sermon with these statements?
- Is there one thing in particular that stands out to you most? Why?

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.'

- What does being 'poor in spirit' mean to you? What do you think it looks like?
- How do you think we can grow in being poor in spirit?
- Why does the kingdom of God belong to people like this? Dave compared it to when Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven belongs to little children. What does this mean for us?
- What would it feel like to have the Kingdom of Heaven?

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.'

- What would you say that definition of mourning is? What do you think the difference is between mourning and feeling sad/in pain?
- Do you think we're good at mourning in our culture? How can we be better at mourning for ourselves and our world?
- Why do you think Jesus said that those who mourn are 'fortunate' (a different translation of the word 'blessed')?
- In your experience, what does it feel like to be comforted by God?

Take some time to pray maybe in smaller groups.

- 1) Pray that God would make us more reliant on Him and aware of our helplessness.
- 2) Pray that God would help us to mourn for the things that hurt us and hurt our world. Maybe take some time to lift up some of these things together.

As always have some space for anyone to throw in any personal prayer requests.