## KINGDOM STORIES

## A Lopsided Love Story: Pastor Mark Pope June 27-28, 2020

- 1. Have you ever experienced with unreciprocated love? Share how this affected you.
- 2. Read John 3:16

Have you ever wondered how many times God felt unreciprocated love from humanity?

3. Read Ephesians 2:1-5

How have you experienced the love of God? How does knowing that God speaks life into you, has chosen you, help you to fight the allure of sin?

- 4. In Ezekiel 16:6 God compassionately said "Live!" Can you relate to feeling like the baby cast aside? What circumstances in your life lead you to that feeling?
- 5. Pastor Mark mentioned that the wife in this passage seemed to be in pursuit of some allusive satisfaction which led to addictions, to "dead things". In what ways have you sought satisfaction or fulfillment in "dead things"? Do you view sin as pleasures to avoid or something toxic to avoid?
- 6. Ezekiel 16 vividly depicts sin. Satan paints sin as pleasurable with no side effects while God paints sin as toxic and will lead to death. Do you see sin as ugly? How might one gloss your sinful behavior?
- 7. How honest are you being with yourself about your own sin considering that God is aware of it whether you admit it or not? How can you do better?
- 8. How well are you doing with loving God and those around you? Pastor Mark challenged us to "love God back" with honest self-evaluation, being faithful, and devoted. What would that look like in your life?