

# RIVERVIEW CHURCH

## HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

## Jesus...In the Gospel of Luke Ordinary People, Extraordinary God!

With Pastor Mel Svendsen  
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Luke 5:1-11

## NOTES:

## QUESTION 1

Peter said 'at your word' before casting his nets, even when it contradicted his professional expertise -- in what area of your life is God asking you to trust his word over your own experience or understanding?

## QUESTION 2

The pastor describes ordinary people being chosen by God to accomplish extraordinary things, and points to the disciples as examples -- how does this challenge the way you evaluate your own potential for spiritual usefulness?

### QUESTION 3

When Peter witnessed the miraculous catch of fish, his immediate response was to confess his sinfulness rather than celebrate his success -- what does this tell us about how a genuine encounter with the holiness of God should affect our self-perception?

## QUESTION 4

The sermon draws a contrast between the world's definition of success, which focuses on influence, education, and power, and God's definition, which focuses on the heart -- how practically does this difference shape the daily decisions you make?

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The pastor warns that adding anything to grace destroys the gift, yet many people, like the Marine volunteer, still instinctively believe they must earn their way to God -- why do you think this works-based thinking is so deeply rooted in human nature?

Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6 left him overwhelmed by his own unworthiness rather than proud of his prophetic calling -- how does regularly meditating on who God is change the way you see your own sin and need for grace?

The pastor challenges the idea that someone can be a genuine follower of Jesus while remaining disconnected from the local church community -- how do you understand the relationship between personal faith and active participation in the body of Christ?

Jesus pursued the crowd rather than hiding from them, and the pastor calls the church to have that same outward-seeking posture -- what specific barriers, whether fear, comfort, or busyness, prevent you from sharing the gospel with people in your everyday life?

The story of David being chosen as king illustrates that God looks at the heart while people look at outward appearance -- in what ways have you allowed the world's standards of worth and qualification to shape how you see yourself or others in the church?

The sermon describes many people who appear to have life together but are quietly asking 'is this all there is?' when the lights go out -- how does knowing this reality change the way you engage with and pray for the people around you who do not yet know Jesus?