

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Jesus... In the Gospel of Luke The Kingdom Values of Jesus!

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
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Luke 6:20-26

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

The sermon describes kingdom values as radically different from the world's values -- in what specific areas of your daily life do you find the greatest tension between living by kingdom values and conforming to the world's expectations?

QUESTION 2

Jesus declares that the poor, the hungry, and those who weep are blessed, while warning those who are rich, full, and comfortable -- how does this challenge the way you personally define success, security, and a good life?

QUESTION 3

The Apostle Paul counted his impressive religious credentials and worldly achievements as rubbish compared to knowing Christ -- what things in your own life might you be tempted to rely on instead of placing your full trust in God?

QUESTION 4

The sermon draws a distinction between being persecuted for genuinely following Christ versus simply being disliked for being abrasive or obnoxious -- how do you discern the difference in your own interactions with those who do not share your faith?

QUESTION 5

The pastor shared the story of a neighbor whose financial comfort and self-sufficiency masked a spiritually hollow life until tragedy broke through -- have you ever experienced a hardship that ultimately drew

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Jesus warns that when everyone speaks well of you, it may be a sign that you are compromising somewhere -- how do you guard against the desire for approval while still engaging the people around you with genuine love and grace?

The sermon emphasizes a moment-by-moment dependence on God, illustrated by believers in poverty-stricken communities who displayed extraordinary joy -- what practical habits or disciplines help you cultivate that kind of daily reliance on God regardless of your financial circumstances?

The pastor used the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12 to illustrate the danger of storing up treasure for oneself rather than being rich toward God -- how are you currently using your time, talents, and financial resources in ways that reflect kingdom priorities rather than self-sufficiency?

The sermon connects the four woes in Luke 6 to attitudes that prevent people from coming to saving faith or walking faithfully with God -- which of the four warnings (wealth, fullness, laughter, or widespread approval) do you think poses the greatest spiritual danger in the cultural moment we are living in, and why?

The pastor challenges the congregation to live for an audience of one rather than seeking to please people -- in what relationships or settings do you find it most difficult to prioritize God's approval over the opinions of others, and what would it look like to change that?