

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Jesus... In the Gospel of Luke Godly Relational Imperatives!

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
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Luke 6:36-42

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QUESTION 1

The sermon defines mercy as not getting what you do deserve -- in what specific relationships in your life do you find it most difficult to extend mercy, and what does that reveal about your understanding of how much God has shown you mercy?

QUESTION 2

The pastor draws a clear distinction between condemning judgment and discerning judgment -- how have you seen the misuse of 'judge not' in Luke 6 used to silence legitimate, discerning correction, and how can believers reclaim that distinction in a culture that often conflates the two?

QUESTION 3

Jesus uses the vivid image of a plank in your own eye in Luke 6 to challenge hypocrisy -- what patterns of self-justification, such as calling your own anger 'being under pressure' while condemning the same trait in others, do you recognize most in your own life?

QUESTION 4

The sermon describes the death of Christ as a masterpiece of redemption sufficient to cover any sin -- how does truly internalizing that truth change the way you view people whose sins seem especially serious or offensive to you?

QUESTION 5

Paul's confrontation of Peter in Galatians required discerning judgment and personal courage -- is there a situation in your own

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relationships or community where love and fidelity to truth are calling you to a similarly difficult conversation, and what is holding you back?

QUESTION 6

The pastor describes forgiveness not as a feeling but as an act of obedience rooted in remembering how much God has forgiven you -- how does framing forgiveness as worship and obedience rather than an emotional state change your approach to forgiving someone who has deeply wronged you?

QUESTION 7

The sermon makes clear that forgiveness does not mean becoming a doormat or eliminating consequences -- how do you personally navigate the tension between extending genuine forgiveness and establishing necessary, healthy boundaries in a broken relationship?

QUESTION 8

The pastor emphasizes that ongoing relational forgiveness with God, described through the Greek concept of homo logeo or confessing the same thing about sin that God says, is essential to a healthy walk with Christ -- what areas of your life are you currently reluctant to agree with God about, and why?

QUESTION 9

The sermon warns that holding onto bitterness and unforgiveness ultimately harms the person holding it, with physical and emotional consequences -- have you witnessed or experienced this reality firsthand, and how did it affect your willingness to pursue forgiveness?

QUESTION 10

The pastor closes by noting that Jesus asked the Father to forgive those crucifying him before they ever sought forgiveness -- how does that example challenge the common condition of 'I will forgive them when they apologize,' and what would it look like to practice that kind of preemptive forgiveness in your daily relationships?