RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Our Awesome God!

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
November 1, 2026

Acts 17:16-27

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QUESTION 1

Paul was provoked in his spirit when he saw the idols of Athens -- what provokes your spirit when you look at the culture around you, and how does that provocation move you toward action?

QUESTION 2

The sermon emphasizes centering your witness on Jesus and the resurrection rather than getting drawn into theological side roads -- in what ways might you be tempted to drift from that central message when sharing your faith with others?

QUESTION 3

The pastor argues that the willingness of all twelve disciples to die for the resurrection rather than recant is powerful evidence for its truth -- how does the historical reality of the resurrection personally strengthen or challenge your own faith?

QUESTION 4

Paul began his message in Athens not with Abraham and Isaac but with the God who created everything -- why do you think starting with creation is an effective approach in a culture that has little or no foundation in Scripture?

QUESTION 5

The sermon describes a God who is intimately involved in the world, determining where nations live and knowing every thought before it is thought -- how does this vision of God's involvement change the way you approach your daily struggles and decisions?

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QUESTION 6

Romans 1:20 teaches that God's invisible attributes have been clearly perceived through what he has made, leaving people without excuse -- where do you most clearly see God's fingerprints in the created world around you?

QUESTION 7

The pastor draws a parallel between the polytheistic culture of ancient Athens and the secular culture of today -- in what specific ways do you see people in your community worshiping the creation rather than the Creator?

QUESTION 8

The sermon points out that scientists identified a common genetic ancestor they call mitochondrial Eve, which aligns with the biblical account of creation -- how does the convergence of scientific discovery and Scripture shape your confidence in sharing the Bible's account of human origins?

QUESTION 9

Paul complimented the Athenians for being very religious before introducing them to the unknown God -- what can we learn from his approach about how to build bridges with people whose beliefs are very different from our own?

QUESTION 10

The pastor reminds the congregation that nothing in this world goes with us into eternity except our faith in Jesus Christ -- how does keeping eternity in view change the priorities you set and the choices you make each day?