RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Doing God's Will In A Hostile World

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1 Peter 4:1-6

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QUESTION 1

Peter denied Christ three times yet was restored and powerfully used by God. How does this reality challenge our beliefs about whether we have sinned too greatly to be used by God?

QUESTION 2

The sermon emphasizes arming ourselves with the same thinking Jesus had during His suffering. What practical steps can we take daily to develop Christ's mindset when facing our own trials?

QUESTION 3

Christians are called to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them rather than retaliate. Why is this counter-cultural approach so difficult, and what would it look like in your current relationships?

QUESTION 4

The passage describes believers being maligned and attacked when they refuse to join in destructive behaviors. Have you experienced this, and how did you respond in light of Christ's example?

QUESTION 5

Peter warns that the time spent living according to human passions should be enough, implying we should be done with our former way

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of life. What specific areas of your past life might God be calling you to leave behind completely?

QUESTION 6

The sermon states that obedience to God should matter more than comfort. What comforts or securities might you be clinging to that prevent you from fully obeying God's call on your life?

QUESTION 7

How does maintaining an eternal perspective, as Paul describes in 2 Corinthians, change the way we view our current suffering and the attacks we face for our faith?

QUESTION 8

The story of feeding protesters with donuts and coffee illustrates Romans 12's command to feed our enemies. What would it look like for you to practically show Christ-like love to someone who opposes you or your faith?

QUESTION 9

Jesus said the world will hate His followers because they are not of the world. In what ways might we be compromising our distinct identity as Christians to avoid rejection or maintain worldly acceptance?

QUESTION 10

The sermon challenges us to use whatever platform we have to point people to Jesus. What platform has God given you, and how can you more boldly use it to glorify Him despite potential criticism?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE:

John 15:18-19; Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:20-21; Titus 2:7-8; Matthew 5:11; Acts 5:41; Romans 12:19; Col 4:5-6; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18