RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Miracles of Easter!

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
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Various Scriptures

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

How does understanding God as the Creator of two trillion galaxies change your perspective on the miracles recorded in Scripture, particularly the resurrection?

QUESTION 2

The thief on the cross had very little time and limited understanding, yet his simple faith saved him. What does this teach us about the nature of saving faith and God's grace?

QUESTION 3

The Roman centurion who oversaw Jesus' crucifixion came to faith, demonstrating that no one is beyond forgiveness. Who in your life seems 'too far gone' for God's grace, and how might this story challenge that assumption?

QUESTION 4

Thomas demanded physical proof before believing in the resurrection. How do you relate to his struggle with doubt, and what does Jesus' patient response teach us about how God meets us in our skepticism?

QUESTION 5

Jesus told Nicodemus, a religious expert, that he must be born again. Why is religious knowledge or moral living insufficient for salvation, and what does being 'born again' actually mean?

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QUESTION 6

The tearing of the temple curtain from top to bottom symbolized direct access to God through Christ's sacrifice. How should this reality of unrestricted access to God shape your daily prayer life and relationship with Him?

QUESTION 7

The sermon emphasizes that the resurrection is 'the best attested event in antiquity.' What specific pieces of historical evidence for the resurrection do you find most compelling, and why?

QUESTION 8

The disciples transformed from fearful men hiding in a locked room to bold witnesses willing to die for their faith. What would it take for such a dramatic transformation to occur if the resurrection had not actually happened?

QUESTION 9

Many people hope their good works will outweigh their bad, yet Scripture teaches salvation is by grace through faith alone. Why is this distinction so crucial, and how would you explain it to someone trusting in their own goodness?

QUESTION 10

The sermon states that 'the greatest task of your life is to be right with God.' If this is true, what practical changes should this priority produce in how you spend your time, energy, and resources?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 27:44; Luke 23:41-43; Mark 15:20,39; Mark 15:38-39; John 20:12; John 20:23-29; Esphesians 2:8-9