

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Intimacy with God

With Pastor Adam Duroy
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Psalm 91:1-5; 9-14, Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 103:19

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

The speaker defines intimacy with God as time set aside for prayer and meditating on God's word with the expectation to receive his wisdom and guidance -- how does this definition challenge or expand the way you currently think about your relationship with God?

QUESTION 2

Charles Spurgeon noted that the blessings of Psalm 91 are not for all believers but for those who live in close fellowship with God -- what do you think distinguishes someone who merely believes in God from someone who truly dwells in his shelter?

QUESTION 3

Jesus consistently withdrew to solitary places to pray before pivotal moments in his ministry -- what does this pattern reveal about the relationship between private communion with God and public effectiveness for God?

QUESTION 4

The speaker argues that the amount of time you spend with the Lord each week will determine the outcome of every situation or season you face -- do you find this principle easy or difficult to believe, and what experiences have shaped your answer?

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Daniel responded to an edict that threatened his life by immediately returning to prayer rather than seeking political or military solutions -- what does this tell us about how a life of consistent intimacy with God shapes our instinctive responses to crisis?

The speaker distinguishes between God's overall will for all people and his individual will for each person's life -- how intentional are you about seeking both, and what practices help you discern the difference?

Proverbs 3:5-6 promises that God will direct the paths of those who acknowledge him in all their ways -- in what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to bring decisions before God first, and why?

The speaker points out that our view of God directly affects how we pray and how often we pray -- how would you honestly describe your working view of God, and how does it show up in your prayer life?

The speaker acknowledges that intimacy with the Father led Jesus himself to the cross, yet frames this as the fullest expression of walking in God's will -- how does this reframe the way you think about painful or unwanted outcomes in your own life?

The sermon suggests that what we perceive as defeat or loss in a given situation may actually be a form of victory when viewed from God's eternal perspective -- can you think of a past experience where hindsight revealed God's hand in an outcome you initially saw as negative?