RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Always Being Ready

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
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1 Peter 3:13–17

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

How does the concept of being 'zealous for what is good' differ from simply being a moral person, and what does it mean to have a 'burning commitment' in your faith?

QUESTION 2

Peter warns believers not to fear persecution even when doing good. What practical steps can Christians take to prepare themselves emotionally and spiritually for potential criticism or opposition?

QUESTION 3

The pastor argues that good works done without glorifying God are like 'filthy rags.' How does this perspective change the way we approach serving others and doing charitable acts?

QUESTION 4

What does it mean in your daily life to 'regard Christ the Lord as holy' in your heart, and how does this internal commitment affect your external witness?

QUESTION 5

The sermon suggests that 'we fear men so much because we fear God so little.' How can cultivating a deeper awe and respect for God help us overcome the fear of human opinions and cancel culture?

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QUESTION 6

If someone asked you today why you believe in Christianity, could you provide rational evidence beyond 'I just have faith'? What areas of apologetics do you need to study more deeply?

QUESTION 7

The pastor shares that 60-70% of Christian high school graduates lose their faith at secular universities. What responsibility do parents, churches, and youth ministries have in preparing young people with solid biblical and apologetic foundations?

QUESTION 8

How do we balance Peter's command to share our faith 'with gentleness and respect' while also maintaining a bold, uncompromising stance on biblical truth in an increasingly hostile culture?

QUESTION 9

The sermon distinguishes between 'easy believism' and genuine saving faith that produces transformation. How can we examine our own lives to ensure our faith is authentic and life-changing?

QUESTION 10

When faced with someone who attacks the Bible's reliability or mocks creationism, how can we turn that confrontation into an opportunity for meaningful dialogue rather than defensive argumentation?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE:

1 Peter 3:13-14a; Titus 2:7; 1 Peter 3:14b-15; 1 Peter 3:15-17;