

# ———— A HOUSE OF PRAYER ————

## God Comes Where He's Wanted

### Nazareth vs Capernaum (The Gospel of Mark)

*Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. James 4:8*

*He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6*

*The Lord says, You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with  
all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13*

*The eyes of the Lord roam to and fro over the earth looking for people to  
strengthen, whose hearts are his. Chronicles 16:9*

## "Prayer and God was There"

*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations. Isaiah 65:7*

## Meeting with the Lord

### Matthew 21:12-17 ESV

*And Jesus entered the temple, and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."*

*And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" and Jesus said to them, "Yes, have you never read - 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"*

*And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.*

## Casting Out and Re-establishing the Priority

*'A church with prayer in it has God in it.' E M Bounds*

## To the Church at Riverlife: 2001 - Now

### Our Heart - Our Homes - Our Church

#### Pray and Seek the Lord

Rather than a focus on discussion questions today: why not begin to pray and seek the Lord. Commit to this week - personally or as a life group:

- + Put on a few worship songs however that looks for you and don't focus on singing along, but rather on your response to God. Dedicate time to seeking the Lord together and prioritising engaging Him - however you best know how to! Sometimes getting on our knees or faces is a great catalyst.
  
- + Open up the Bible to Psalm 63 and read it through- and then talk to the Lord about it. At times of reading ask the Lord to meet you in what the words are saying. Ask for His grace and begin to pray out of the scripture for yourselves.
  
- + Now do the same with a passage like Joel 2:12-32 or 1 Corinthians 2. Ask God to do in your heart what stands out to you as you read.

- + Seek the Lord together and see where it leads you – get comfortable doing it together in unity with the company of others. Express your prayer to the Lord. Let it move you to praise and worship Him, to repent of any awareness of sin that arises.
  
- + Call on His name for those you personally know who don't yet know Him. Meet with God on their behalf.
  
- + Come into the Prayer Room between 6am and 11pm Sunday – Friday. Use the stations if you desire, pray through scripture as you read or simply spend the time with the Lord > desiring, seeking, responding to, calling on, communicating with, interacting with and engaging the Lord. Do it until your heart begins to come alive within you.

We've got other resources for you too, so email in and we can point you in the right direction - [church@riverlifechurch.org.au](mailto:church@riverlifechurch.org.au).

Blessings, Pastor Nick