

Anything But Ordinary Week One

Discussion Questions

- 1.) Does it surprise you that the average attendance at any given Christian congregation in America is about 60 people on any given weekend? Why or why not? Contemplate why Central is different. What have you experienced here that contributes to our higher attendance rate?
- 2.) Pastor Aaron reminded us in his message that Central is not a perfect church. Perfect churches do not exist because perfect people do not exist. Why is following Jesus about a relationship with God and people and not a pursuit of perfection?
- 3.) When we say what it means to follow Jesus and our words don't match our actions, people will not see Jesus. How does an honest and growing relationship with God over behavior modification change us and the people around us?
- 4.) Philippians 1:4-5 says, "always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." At Central, we do not go it alone, but we partner together as a church. How have you seen this to be true in your experience at Central? Pray for God to continually work so that it is not the pastor, the musicians, the staff, the church council, the style of worship, or the building that makes Central different. Pray we continue to grow to be a place of partnership in the Gospel.
- 5.) Read Mark 12:41-44. Think about the widow. What makes the widow in this story anything but ordinary? How does her story challenge you?
- 6.) Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." Consider how you prioritize your finances. How do you honor God with your money? How is God calling you to give of not only your time but your finances as well?