

Anything But Ordinary Week Three Discussion Questions

- 1) Pastor Aaron shared what the church provided him growing up in the message. He stated:
 - a. The church provided a moral compass.
 - b. The church instilled a sense of purpose.
 - c. The church showed him that the world is bigger than his experience.
 - d. The church taught him to be generous.

Take some time to reflect on what the church has done for you. What are you thankful for?

- 2) Pastor Aaron discussed different church arguments:
 - a. An argument over the appropriate length of the pastor's beard.
 - b. A heated debate over the type of filing cabinet to purchase. Black or brown? 2,3, or 4 drawers?
 - c. A fight over which picture of Jesus to put in the foyer.
 - d. A dispute broke out over which grape juice to use for communion.
 - e. A conflict erupted over whether the church should purchase a weed eater. It took two business meetings to resolve.
 - f. An argument over what type of green beans the church should serve at the funeral luncheons.
 - g. A church moved from serving Folger's coffee to a stronger Starbucks brand. Members left the church over the switch.
 - h. An argument about whether the church should allow deviled eggs at church meals.
 - i. Some church members left a church because one church member hid the vacuum cleaner. It resulted in a church split.

It is easy to read the arguments above and dismiss them as ridiculous. In all honesty, think about a time you may have been involved in a dispute over something in the church. How do churches get off track because of petty disagreements? Spend time in prayer for Central to stay focused on God and how to help all people find and follow Jesus.

- 3) God means for the church to be a place of transformation as people encounter His love and form a relationship with Jesus. How did the disciples and the Apostle Paul change because of their relationship with Jesus? Search Acts chapters 9 and 10 if you need help answering.
- 4) Take time to pray and ask God to help Central best steward the church for the next generation.
- 5) How might God be leading you to participate in His work at Central?