Possible themes to explore in your mid-term paper about the connection of personal, familial, and/or spiritual values to nature as exhibited in the book “A river runs through it.”

1. Difficulties of family love overcome by shared moments on the river
   1. Maintenance of primary roles
   2. Role reversals (often during rituals or leisure fosters sympathy toward one another)
   3. Love often expressed through shared moments
   4. Love does not require understanding
2. Masculinity linked to outdoor skills and environments
3. Family values created and or affirmed while fishing
4. Fishing and worship have overlapping characteristics
   1. Generally, what does religion provide?
      1. Peace, hope, understanding, love, beauty
      2. Relieves uncertainty
      3. Provides feelings of wholeness, authenticity
      4. Posits a world different than the material
      5. Fosters community and belonging
   2. Dimensions of ritual
      1. Detailed method
      2. Shared meaning
      3. Honor ascribed to something
      4. Intense focus
      5. Rhythms
      6. Art form
      7. Spiritual (as well as material)
      8. Potential for violations
      9. Eagerness