



## NEXT STEPS | LEADER GUIDE: *Step One*

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### CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH

In Step One, our goal is for every group member to understand salvation in Christ alone. We will also dive into what West Ridge Church is all about: what we believe, what we value, and how we are structured.

Although participants will be able to partner with West Ridge Church (think of membership) after Next Steps, this class is not strictly about partnership. The goal is to give everyone a base-line for discipleship at West Ridge. **Discipleship is the goal!**

Some of the information in Step One may seem basic. Don't underestimate where your group members are in their understanding and relationship with Christ.

During the video, there will be moments when the communicator will ask group members to fill-in the blank, or ask for the group to pause and reflect on something. If you feel your group needs more time than the video allows, feel free to press pause to facilitate that moment.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

Understand that salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone.

Understand who we are as a church, what we believe, what we value and how we are structured.

### GROUP MEETING DETAILS

#### 1. HANG OUT

*(about 30 minutes)*

As you gather as a group, spend some time connecting and catching up. If your group eats together, do so during this time.

#### 2. WATCH THE VIDEO TOGETHER

*(about 45 minutes)*

We designed this curriculum to be viewed as a group. Use your Next Steps Booklet to follow along and take notes.

#### 3. COMPLETE THE EXERCISES

*(about 15 minutes)*

Depending on the length of the session, take some time to complete the exercises in the booklet and discuss your answers with other group members.

#### 4. PRAY TOGETHER

*(about 10 minutes)*

Take time to share with each other how the group can be praying for you. Try to keep it personal and prioritize praying for one another. If someone would like to share a prayer request that is not about them personally, utilize a Facebook group or a group texting platform.

## **ANSWER KEY FOR STEP ONE**

### **Salvation**

Go on his own way; sin; confess; believe; accept; ask.

### **Baptism**

Identifies; illustrates; demonstrates; immersion; New Testament; immerse; after.

### **Holy Communion**

Simple act; reminder; symbol; statement of faith; trusted Jesus Christ to be their Savior; examined; self examination; confessing sin; recommitment; restoring relationships

### **What We Believe**

Unity; liberty; love; biblical authority; prayer; grace; authenticity; excellence; people; kingdom-mindset; generosity