

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of May 22, 2022

CHECK-IN (~20 minutes)

How was your week? What was the high part of your week? What was the low part of your week? What can we celebrate?

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week Pastor Steve Veale continued our teaching series, *What's In A Name* with the name "Jehovah-Tsaba." This name occurs 280 times throughout the Scriptures and means God our Warrior. This week, we were in the book of 1 Samuel chapter seventeen with the account of David facing the giant Goliath. David knew he not only had a covenant with the one true God, but also had the blessing and covering of God. No matter what situation you find yourself in, know that every child of God has a greater covenant through Jesus and we find our hope in Him alone.

GROUP DISCUSSION (~50 minutes)

1. What one or two takeaways did you have from this week's message? Share your thoughts with the group.

2. *Read 1 Samuel 17*

Take some time to read through this chapter as a group. You may want to split each section up among the group members. What are some key moments in this text that stick out to you personally?

3. Pastor Steve said, "You can have faith in Christ that gets you to Heaven and eternity with God, but not a full trust in God for every day life." Do you find this to be true in your life? Why or why not?

4. Pastor Steve said, "What you go to first when you have problems in life shows what you trust the most." Do you agree, and how has this been evident in your life?

5. Read *Ephesians 4:12* & *Romans 8:28*

Many times we rely on earthly solutions to our problems without bringing in our Warrior - God. The solution comes when we give our lives completely to Him and realize that He is for us. What situation are you dealing with that needs to be given to God?

WRAP-UP (~10 minutes)

It is important to be growing in our relationship with Jesus and one another - what is one next step you can take this week to grow? Share with the group and commit to holding one another accountable.

What does it look like to hold each other accountable? It can be as simple as a text or phone call during the week. Hebrews 10:25 encourages us to meet regularly and to encourage one another on a regular basis.

Example: "Hey _____, you indicated in group this week that you were struggling at work with being light in a dark place. You said that your next step was to start a conversation with someone at work this week around the topic of faith. How did that go?"

PERSONAL NOTES

This week, my next step is:

This week I am going to check in on (name):

This week, my Bible reading will be (e.g. Philippians chapters 1-4):