

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of May 29, 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 John Morgan concluded our teaching series, *What's In A Name* with the name "Jehovah Tsidkenu" - The Lord of Righteousness. It is only through the Christ alone that we can be made right with God. There is nothing in and of ourselves that can bring us into right relationship with God the Father. Reading in Jeremiah 23:1-6, we see a clear foreshadowing of Christ and the hope found only in Him.

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 Peter 1:13-14*

Pastor John talked about pursuing a life of holy living. He said, "*We are not justified by rule-keeping but by our faith in Jesus Christ that enables us to obey God.*"

Why do you think we tend to live *for* right relationship with God (rule keeping) instead of living *from* right relationship with God?

3. Pastor John said, "*Our relationship with God is to have influence over our relationship with others.*" Take a moment to think about that statement. How can you see this playing out in your own life?

4. *Read 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8-9*

Jesus became sin for us so that we can have a relationship with God. Sometimes we can have a head knowledge of this great truth but not live as though we actually believe it in our hearts. Why do you think that is the case?

5. Read Romans 8:8

This passage is pretty clear - if you do not have the Spirit (Holy Spirit) you do not belong to Christ. We also know that as Christians, we must submit to the Holy Spirit and be obedient to God's word. How can you take a step in this obedience this week? How can the group encourage you?

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):

PRAYER GATHERING

Join us at the next Prayer Gathering on June 6th at 7pm.