

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of May 8, 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 Paul Richardson continued our series, *What's In A Name*. The name of God that we focused on was Jehovah Jireh - God our provider. Paul used the story of Abraham and Isaac from Genesis chapter twenty-two when God tested Abraham and asked him to sacrifice his one and only son. Abraham was obedient, as was Isaac. However, God provided in a way that neither of them expected.

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 Genesis 22:1-3*

Abraham did not ask any questions, but was immediately obedient to the Lord. Why do you think that was the case? Would you have had some questions?

3. *Read Genesis 22:3b (he split the wood...)*

Paul talked about Abraham's first steps of obedience - splitting the wood. He challenged us with this statement, "What is the smallest, most obvious thing you can do to be obedient to the Lord today?" Share your thoughts with the group.

4. *Read Matthew 19:16-22*

Reading this account of Jesus speaking with the rich young man, does it translate differently? This man had great wealth and was told by the Creator of all to sell everything and follow him. Do you think if he understood that he was looking in the face of Jehovah Jireh it would have changed his countenance?

5. Paul gave us insight into the location that this incredible testing took place - Mt. Moriah was actually the future location of Jerusalem. At the place that God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, God actually *did* sacrifice His only Son. How does this insight impact the way you view this story and the broader narrative of Scripture?

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):