

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of November 13, 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 together?

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week we continued our teaching series in the book of Mark. In Mark chapter 1, verses 40 through 45 we see Jesus cleanse a man with leprosy. In the message this week, Pastor Brian correlated our sin with leprosy - it is a deep, isolating infection that makes us separated from a holy God. Because of Jesus, we can be made clean. There is no sin, no struggle, no messiness that is too much for our Savior.

GROUP DISCUSSION (~50 minutes)

1. Thinking back to this week's message, was there anything particularly challenging for you? What is a take away that you can share with the group?
2. *Read Mark 1:40*
Have you ever felt like you were bothering God with your prayers? What hope can you find in this passage of scripture?
3. *Read Mark 1:41-45*
Why do you think Jesus charged the man to say nothing of what happened to him? Knowing that this man could not help but tell others about what Jesus had done for him, how does this challenge or inspire you?
4. In verse 45, we see that Jesus can no longer enter into towns openly, but he was out in desolate places. Pastor Brian correlated this passage with what Jesus has done on our behalf — Jesus took our sin (leprosy) and restored us to right relationship with God. Have you ever looked at this verse in this light? Share your insight with the group.

5. *Read Hebrews 4:16*

What do you need to bring before the Lord today? Share with the group and close your time by praying for one another.

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):