

# WEST RIDGE GROUPS

## Group Member Discussion Guide

*Week of November 6, 2022*

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### **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 were honored to host Dr. Vernon Brewer from World Help. Dr. Brewer gave a very impactful message on the persecuted Church around the world.

### **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 Hebrews 13:3, 1 John 3:17*

In light of the message this week, how do these passages challenge you? Share your thoughts with the group.

3. Dr. Brewer shared a couple of reasons why the American Christians seem to not care about the persecution going on around the globe:

“American Christians, for the most part, are not interested in anything that happens outside the boundaries of the United States, and in many cases outside the boundaries of their own community ...”

“American Christians have no experience of persecution or suffering for their faith that remotely resembles the experiences of many of our overseas brothers and sisters. It is difficult to empathize ... many, many, many American Christians refuse to believe what is reported because it is so far outside their experience.”

How do these quotes impact you? Share your thoughts with the group.

4. Close your group time specifically praying for the persecuted Church around the world.

## **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):

## **RESOURCES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Join us for our next Prayer Gathering on November 7th at 7pm.