

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of October 1, 2023

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 in our teaching series *What's Holding You Back?* In this message, Pastor John Morgan taught us that spiritual blindness results from our choice to live the natural (carnal) life above the Christ-centered (Spirit-guided) life. Jesus gives us an example in the teaching text on how to live a Spirit-filled, Spirit-guided life.

GROUP DISCUSSION (~50 minutes)

1. Thinking back to the message this week, was there anything that challenged you personally? Share your thoughts with the group.

2. *Read Mark 10:32-34*

In this passage Jesus talks of his future suffering, death, and resurrection. How do you think the disciples might have felt upon hearing this, and what impact might this revelation have had on their understanding of Jesus' mission and their role as followers?

3. *Read Mark 10:35-45*

James and John are asking Jesus for positions of honor and authority in Jesus' Kingdom. What does Jesus teach about true greatness and what it looks like to be a servant leader here? How would you apply these principles in your own life? Share your thoughts with the group.

4. *Read Mark 10:46-52*

How might societal perceptions and biases influence how people respond to those in need? How can followers of Jesus strive to break through such biases and demonstrate compassion and empathy?

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):