

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of April 14, 2024

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, Pastor Brian continued our new messages series on Heaven. In his message, he taught from John 14:1-6 and shared personal experiences and insights from Randy Alcorn's book on Heaven - also challenging some of today's common misconceptions. Heaven is a real, tangible place prepared by God for His people, and Jesus is the only way to access it!

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 John 14:2-3*

What are some of the misconceptions about Heaven that Pastor Brian shared and how did he support his view with Scripture? Have you personally wrestled with any misconceptions as it pertains to life after death?

3. How do you think misconceptions about Heaven can impact one's faith and anticipation of eternity?

4. *Read John 14:6*

In this message this week, Pastor Brian addressed the belief of universalism. How does Jesus' statement in this verse refute the idea of multiple paths to Heaven

5. How does understanding and believing Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life" affect our perspective on Heaven and our relationship with Him? Share your thoughts with the group.

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):