

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of April 28, 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, discussing the fascination and importance of understanding the end times, particularly focusing on the concept of the resurrection. He discussed the historical context of popular Christian books and movies on the topic, emphasizing the need to grasp the significance of events like the rapture and the resurrection of believers. Pastor Brian helped us to see the centrality of Jesus's resurrection to the Christian faith, the nature of our future resurrected bodies, and the far-reaching implications of resurrection for both believers and creation.

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 1 Corinthians 15:17-19*

According to Pastor Brian's message (and the scriptures above), how does the resurrection of Jesus serve as the cornerstone of the Christian faith?

3. *Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-44*

What does the Bible say about the nature of our resurrected bodies, and how does it differ from our current bodies?

4. *Read Romans 8:19-23*

Pastor Brian talked about creation being made new, how does the concept of resurrection extend beyond individual believers to encompass creation itself?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

In what ways did Pastor Brian suggest that our works for Christ will be resurrected, and what implications does this hold for our present actions?

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):