

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of April 7, 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 John Morgan shared a message focusing on Mark 16:15-20, highlighting the central idea that Jesus, seated at the right hand of God in heaven, works with believers on earth to fulfill the Great Commission. Through various passages and examples, Pastor JP emphasized the ongoing work of Jesus from heaven, empowering believers to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples not only in our community, but in our country and in our world.

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 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

In light of what Pastor JP shared about Mark 16:9-20 and its potential exclusion in some early manuscripts, how should we approach differences in biblical texts, and what principles should guide our understanding of scripture?

3. *Read Ephesians 1:20-23*

According to this week's message, what significance does Jesus' position at the right hand of God in heaven hold for believers today? How does this affect our understanding of Jesus' ongoing work in the world?

4. *Read Acts 1:8*

Reflecting on the examples of Paul's experiences in Acts, how do these narratives illustrate Jesus' continued work from heaven, empowering believers to fulfill the Great Commission?

5. Read Romans 12:1-2

What does it mean to surrender our lives to Jesus, as discussed by Pastor JP in closing his message? How can we practically live out this total surrender in our daily lives?

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):