

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of September 15, 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, we continued our series *Storm Proof*. This week's message focused on understanding and living out our identity as God's people, especially amidst challenges. Drawing from 1 Peter, Pastor Brian taught that Christians are part of God's family, chosen and set apart, and should live in a way that reflects this new identity. To "live like God's people," Christians must rid themselves of attitudes and behaviors that destroy relationships and instead pursue spiritual growth through God's Word. We are living stones in God's spiritual house, called to be a unique witness to the world, set apart for God's purposes.

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 Peter 2:9-10*

What does it mean to be part of God's family, and how should that shape our relationships with others?

3. *Read 1 Peter 2:1-3*

How do we "put away" malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander in our daily lives, and why is this essential for spiritual growth?

4. *Read 1 Peter 2:2-3*

How can we practically pursue spiritual growth with the same intensity as a newborn baby craving milk?

5. *Read 1 Peter 2:4-5*

What does it mean to be a "living stone" in God's spiritual house? How does that

(or should that) impact the way we serve in the church? 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):