

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of November 17, 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 Storm Proof teaching series in 1 Peter. Pastor Steve taught us about enduring suffering with hope and humility, drawing strength from God. He brought two key themes out of Peter's letter: the inevitability of suffering in life and the promise of eternal glory for those who persevere. Pastor Steve shared his personal story of overcoming his wife's battle with cancer and highlighted God's sustaining grace during trials. Peter's exhortations to elders and younger believers alike center on leading with humility, trusting God fully, and resisting the adversary, Satan, who seeks to disrupt our faith. Ultimately, the message concluded with the assurance that after suffering, God will restore, strengthen, and secure believers, promising an eternal life filled with His glory!

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 5:2-3; v5*

In this passage, Peter exhorts leaders to serve with humility. What does it look like to "shepherd the flock... not domineering but being examples"? How can we clothe ourselves in humility in our daily interactions?

3. *Read 1 Peter 5:10*

In his message, Pastor Steve discussed enduring suffering with hope. How does this specific verse encourage you in your current struggles?

4. *Read 1 Peter 5:7*

The message highlights this passage, "*casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares*

for you". What steps can you take to release your worries to God? How does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:25-27 about not worrying challenge or comfort you?

5. *Read 1 Peter 5:8-9*

These verses warn believers to be watchful and resist the devil. What practical ways can you stay alert and stand firm in your faith? How does remembering that others worldwide face similar struggles help you persevere?

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):