

# WEST RIDGE GROUPS

## Group Member Discussion Guide

*Week of November 24, 2024*

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### **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 taught from Philippians 2:2. In his message he emphasized the importance of unity among believers for advancing God's Kingdom. He pointed out that disunity, both historically and in modern contexts, undermines the church's witness and mission. Unity requires selflessness, humility, and love, modeled after Jesus' example, and involves working together, supporting one another, and staying focused on God's purposes. Pastor Brian challenged us to actively pursue unity, reminding us that the Holy Spirit thrives in harmony and that the church's collective mission depends on sticking together.

### **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 Philippians 2:1-2*

Paul speaks about being "like-minded" and sharing love, spirit, and purpose. How can our group work toward greater unity? What practical steps can we take to build stronger relationships?

3. *Read John 17:20-23*

Jesus prayed for unity among His followers so that the world would believe in Him. How does our unity or disunity impact the church's witness in our community? Share your experiences with the group.

4. *Read Acts 6:1-7*

The early church leaders resolved a conflict to maintain unity. How do you handle disagreements within the church or your relationships? What lessons can we apply

from this passage?

5. *Read Matthew 25:40*

Jesus identifies serving the "least of these" as serving Him. How does serving others, especially the needy, strengthen our unity as a body of Christ? What opportunities for service can we take on together?

**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):