

# WEST RIDGE GROUPS

## Group Member Discussion Guide

*Week of December 1, 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 Paul Richardson was visiting us from Take Hold Church in Scotland. In his message he taught that God, who deserves all glory, created humanity for glory as His crowning achievement. He explained that glory is not about self-praise but the privilege of carrying the weight of God's presence and reflecting His nature. Humans, however, struggle with a "glory deficit" due to sin, seeking approval from others rather than God, but the solution is to realign with God's purpose and glory. Pastor Paul's message highlighted that extraordinary glory can be found in ordinary acts when done for God's name, and he encouraged us as believers to live intentionally with the prayer, "Father, glorify Your name." We are called to embrace our God-given glory by living for His eternal purposes, finding worth and significance in Him alone.

### **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 Psalm 8:5*

How does this truth impact the way you view yourself and others? What steps can you take to live as a reflection of God's glory in your daily life?

3. *Read Romans 3:23*

In what ways do you see a "glory deficit" in your life or in the world around you? How can aligning your priorities with God's priorities help to address these deficiencies?

*4. Read Habakkuk 2:14*

What does it look like to carry the weight of God's glory in your relationships, work, and community? Are there areas in your life where you could intentionally reflect His glory more?

*5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31*

How can you invite God into the ordinary aspects of your life this week? Share one specific action you will take to glorify God in a seemingly small or routine part of your day

**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):