

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of January 19, 2025

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 message series *Renew*. Pastor Brian addressed the spiritual decline in Western Christianity and its roots in compromises of theology, morality, leadership, and mission. He emphasized the need for a renewed pursuit of holiness, which is both positional (our identity in Christ) and behavioral (our actions reflecting God's character). Positional holiness is granted through Jesus' sacrifice, while behavioral holiness requires intentional pursuit, empowered by the Holy Spirit and marked by consecration to God. Pastor Brian challenged us to embrace holiness as the key to intimacy with God, personal victory, and fulfilling our divine purpose.

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 Hebrews 12:14*

What does it mean to pursue holiness both positionally and behaviorally?

3. *Read 2 Timothy 4:2-4*

In his message this week, Pastor Brian referenced theological compromise. How can we guard against this and stay grounded in God's truth?

4. *Read Isaiah 5:20*

In what ways does the cultural pressure to compromise morally challenge the Church today? How should we as believers respond?

5. *Read Joshua 3:5*

What steps can we take to live a consecrated, holy life — setting ourselves apart for God’s purposes? Share your thoughts with the group.

6. *Real Ephesians 1:4*

How does understanding our identity in Christ empower us to live a holy life?

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):

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Renew Weekend:

January 24-26, 2025