

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of March 2, 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, Pastor Todd Hampton continued our series, *A Kingdom Upside Down*. In his message, he explored the Parable of the Servants from Luke 19. He taught of its significance in understanding the Kingdom of God. Followers of Jesus are entrusted with resources, gifts, and responsibilities to steward for His Kingdom. Pastor Todd warned against three barriers to a Kingdom-filled life: prioritizing influence over faithfulness, comparing oneself to others instead of focusing on personal stewardship, and rejecting the reign of Jesus as King. He concluded with a call to surrender fully to Christ, change one's posture and perspective, and faithfully invest in what God has given.

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 2 Corinthians 10:12*

How can we overcome the temptation to compare ourselves to others instead of focusing on what God has given us?

3. *Read 2 Timothy 1:7*

Why do you think the third servant in the parable reacted with fear instead of faithfulness? Have you ever struggled with fear when using your God-given gifts? Share your experience with the group.

4. Read Colossians 3:23-24

How does recognizing Jesus as King change the way we view our lives and responsibilities?

5. Read James 1:22

What practical steps can you take this week to be more faithful with what God has entrusted to you? How can the group pray for you?

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):