

# WEST RIDGE GROUPS

## Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of July 20, 2025

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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, we continued our Summer in the Psalms message series. Pastor Matt Chewing from Netcast Church in Boston taught on Psalm 8. Pastor Matt reflected on the majesty of God displayed in creation and the astonishing truth that such a glorious God is mindful of humanity. David (the author of the Psalm) was in awe at the night sky which led him to praise God, recognizing both the grandeur of the universe and the seemingly small yet honored role humans play in it. The message challenged us to resist the distractions of modern life and return to childlike, undignified praise, remembering that God not only created us but entrusted us with dominion and 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 Psalm 8:3–4; Romans 1:20  
Why do you think David is overwhelmed with praise when he reflects on the heavens? What do you think keeps us from that same sense of awe today?
3. Read Revelation 3:17; James 1:17  
How has comfort or self-sufficiency distracted you from depending on and praising God?
4. Read Psalm 8:5–6; Genesis 1:27–28  
What does it mean that God crowned us with glory and honor and gave us dominion? How should that impact the way we live?

5. Read Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:16

How can you grow in "childlike praise" that silences the enemy, as seen in these passages?

### **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):