

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of August 24, 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 *Mind Field* teaching series with a message on pride. Pastor Todd taught us that this is the “silent killer” that often hides in our motives and attitudes. Pride is dangerous because it leads to other sins and ultimately places us in opposition to God, who hates pride but honors humility. Teaching from Luke 18:9–14, the message showed us that pride stems from having a wrong view of God, ourselves, or others, while humility comes from seeing God as holy, ourselves as sinners saved by grace, and others as fellow image-bearers. Victory over pride requires humility before God, choosing to kneel in dependence on Him rather than exalting ourselves.

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 Proverbs 16:18; Mark 7:20–23
Why do you think pride is often easier to see in others than in ourselves? How can we guard against this self-deception?
3. Read Luke 18:9–14
In this parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, what differences do you notice in how each man viewed God and himself? Which attitude do you most relate to, and why? Share your thoughts with the group.
4. Read Philippians 2:3–4; Romans 12:3
How does pride affect our relationships with others, whether in marriage, friendships, or church community? What does humility look like in those contexts?
5. Read James 4:10; Philippians 2:5–11
What are some practical ways we can posture ourselves in humility before God this week, both physically and spiritually?

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):