

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of September 7, 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

Happy 28 years, West Ridge! This week, Pastor Brian reflected on God's faithfulness over 28 years at West Ridge Church and shared a vision for the future. Using Isaiah 54:2-3, he emphasized four calls: prepare for more, stretch beyond comfort, strengthen the foundation, and trust God with the results. The church's history of faith-driven risks (land acquisition, church planting, compassion ministries, and special needs outreach) shows how God blesses obedience even before outcomes are visible. Looking ahead, the challenge is not to hold back, but to enlarge faith, embrace stretching, and believe God will multiply the impact for generations to come.

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 Isaiah 54:2, Hebrews 11:1

In Isaiah, God told His people to enlarge their tents before they could see the blessing. What areas of your life might God be asking you to prepare in faith, even if you don't yet see the results?

3. Read Philippians 3:13-14

Stretching means moving beyond what feels safe or easy. Where do you sense God calling you to step outside your comfort zone right now? Share your thoughts with the group.

4. Read Colossians 2:6-7

In his message, Pastor Brian reminded us that the cords and stakes of our faith are to love God, grow in faith, serve others, and share Jesus. Which of these areas do you need to strengthen most in your walk with Christ?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

God promises to multiply our influence when we are faithful. How can you trust Him more with the outcomes of your obedience and how can we pray for you this week in this endeavor?

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):