

# WEST RIDGE GROUPS

## Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of October 19, 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, Pastor John Morgan continued our *Out of the Ashes* message series. In his message he explored Job's deep suffering and his perception that God had gone silent during his trials. Though Job wrestled with confusion and despair, his story reveals that God's silence is not His absence — He is still present, speaking through His Word, the Holy Spirit, prayer, circumstances, and the Church. Job's longing for an advocate points to Jesus Christ, who now intercedes for us and brings us into God's presence. Ultimately, the message reminded us as believers that even when we cannot see or feel God working, He never stops being faithful, present, and at work in our lives.

### 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 13:1–2

Have you ever felt like God was silent in your life? What emotions did that experience stir in you, and how did you respond? Share your experience with the group.

3. Read James 1:2–4

What might God be teaching us through seasons of silence or suffering, as seen in Job's experience?

4. Read Isaiah 41:10

How does remembering God's constant presence change the way we face hardship or unanswered prayers?

5. Read Job 9:33

Job longs for a mediator between himself and God. How does Jesus fulfill that longing for us today, and what comfort does that bring when life feels overwhelming? (Other verses to read: 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:14–16)

## **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):