

# WEST RIDGE GROUPS

## Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of April 4, 2026

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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**

Happy Easter! This week, Pastor Brian challenged us to move beyond merely knowing the Easter story to personally experiencing the risen Christ. The disciples knew the facts about Jesus' resurrection but were still paralyzed by fear, demonstrating that knowing about Jesus and experiencing His peace are not the same thing. Jesus entered into their doubt with evidence and truth, showing them His hands and feet, and commissioned them as witnesses of His resurrection. The critical question for each person is whether the resurrection has moved from being a familiar story to a personal reality that transforms how we live.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION** (~50 minutes)

1. What did you find most compelling or challenging about the message this week? Share your thoughts with the group.
2. Pastor Brian said, "Knowing facts about Jesus and experiencing the peace of Jesus are not the same thing." Can you share a time when you knew something about God but struggled to experience it personally?
3. **Read Luke 24:36-43.**  
The disciples were terrified even though they had heard reports of the resurrection. What fears or doubts do you carry despite knowing the truth of Easter? How does Jesus' response to the disciples encourage you?
4. **Read Luke 24:44-49**  
Jesus told the disciples "you are witnesses of these things." What does it look like practically for you to be a witness of the resurrection in your everyday life this week?
5. Jesus engaged the disciples' doubts with evidence and truth rather than avoiding them. What questions about faith have you been hesitant to ask? How can this group create a safe space for honest questions?

## **WRAP-UP (~10 minutes)**

Prayer — How can we be praying for you? What are you excited about right now? What are you worried about?

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):