

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of July 5, 2026

CHECK-IN

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 One Hit Wonders: Minor Prophets series by studying the book of Amos. Pastor Tim Grandstaff reminded us that God called an ordinary shepherd to confront a prosperous nation whose worship looked healthy on the outside, but whose hearts had drifted far from Him. Although Israel enjoyed wealth, influence, and packed worship gatherings, they neglected justice, ignored the needs of others, and allowed their religious practices to become performance rather than surrender. Through Amos, God revealed that He desires more than songs, gatherings, and outward expressions of worship—He desires lives marked by obedience, compassion, repentance, and justice. The message concluded with the hope of restoration found in Jesus, reminding us that God is not looking for louder worship but for surrendered lives that reflect His heart every day of the week.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What did you find most compelling or challenging about the message this week? Share your thoughts with the group.
2. **Read Amos 3:1-2; Matthew 23:25-26**
Pastor Tim said that "prosperity can hide our spiritual decay." Why is it possible to look spiritually healthy on the outside while neglecting what God cares about most? What are some warning signs that our relationship with God has become more about appearance than surrender?
3. **Read Amos 5:12, 24; Micah 6:8**
Amos reminds God's people that genuine worship includes pursuing justice and caring for others. What are some practical ways believers can reflect God's heart for the hurting, overlooked, or marginalized in our community? How does compassion become an act of worship?
4. **Read Amos 5:21-23; James 1:22**
God tells Israel that He rejected their songs because their lives did not match their worship. Why do you think God places such a high value on obedience over outward religious activity? What does it look like for worship on Sunday to shape how we live on Monday?

5. Read James 3:10; Romans 12:1-2

Pastor Tim challenged us by asking whether our worship could be "off pitch" to the ears of God. What attitudes, habits, or areas of compromise can quietly pull our hearts away from wholehearted worship? What helps keep your heart surrendered to Christ throughout the week?

6. Read Amos 9:11; Colossians 3:16-17

Although Amos contains strong warnings, it ends with God's promise to restore His people. How does the hope of the gospel motivate us to pursue lives of worship and obedience instead of simply trying harder? What is one area where God may be inviting you to move from merely attending worship to living as an act of worship this week?

WRAP-UP

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. Amos 5–9):