

WEST RIDGE GROUPS

Group Member Discussion Guide

Week of August 23, 2026

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 we continued our teaching series in the book of Romans (Romans 10:14-21). Pastor Nate Galloway's message emphasized that faith is not a random occurrence but comes specifically through the message of Christ, making the Great Commission a vital mission for every follower rather than just a task for a specific day or place. While the Gospel has been proclaimed globally, many remain disobedient despite God's persistent, open-handed outreach. Pastor Nate's message called us as believers to respond with gratitude by carrying Jesus' name to others, praying for the burden and boldness needed to reach those who have not yet believed.

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. **Read Romans 10:14-15**
These verses describe a progression: being sent, preaching, hearing, believing, and calling. In your own life, who was "sent" to you, and how did their willingness to share Jesus with you change your trajectory?
3. **Read Romans 10:17**
Verse 17 states that "faith comes from what is heard." Why is the specific message of Christ necessary for salvation rather than just a general intuition or a vague belief in God?
4. Romans 10:16 and 21 discuss those who hear but do not obey or believe. How does the image of God "holding out His hands" all day long to a disobedient people shape your understanding of His character and your own approach to sharing the Gospel?
5. In his message this week, Pastor Nate noted that a large percentage of churchgoers are unfamiliar with the "Great Commission" (Matthew 28:18-20). How can we practically "live sent" in our specific workplaces, schools, or neighborhoods to ensure the message is actually heard?

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):