



## COMMUNITY Conversations | Feb 22nd, 2026

### CELEBRATIONS

What do you remember from the past week which led you to give thanks and praise?

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### CONNECTION

Have you ever had a moment where you realized you weren't as strong, mature, or "put together" as you thought you were? What happened and how did it affect you?

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### OPENING PRAYER

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### SCRIPTURE

John 18:12 - 27

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### CONVERSATIONS

1. Peter seems confident in his readiness to follow Jesus, yet stumbles. Why do you think he was so confident?
  - a. Where do you tend to overestimate your own spiritual strength?
2. What emotions do you think Peter felt in the moments he denied Christ?
  - a. In what ways have you struggled with different emotional responses where there is pressure around your faith in Christ?
3. Have you ever had a painful realization about yourself that later became spiritually formative? What happened?
4. Martin Lloyd Jones wrote: ***You will never make yourself feel that you are a sinner, because there is a mechanism in you as a result of sin that will always be defending you against every accusation. We are all on very good terms with ourselves, and we can always put up a good case for ourselves.***
  - a. Why is it so hard for us to see the depth of our need for Jesus?
  - b. What mechanisms do you use to defend yourself or justify your behavior?
5. **Read 2 Timothy 2:13.** Where Peter falls short, Jesus stands firm. What does this contrast show us about who Jesus is?
  - a. How has Jesus been faithful to you in times you've been faithless?
6. **Read 2 Thessalonians 5:23-24.** Looking at the chart below - why do you think spiritual growth tends to not be straightforward, but guaranteed by the work of the Spirit?

- a. What factors have increased or deepened your own spiritual formation?
  - b. How would you “chart” your own spiritual growth right now?
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## SPIRITUAL FORMATION PRACTICES (Prayerfully choose one.)

1. **Chart Your Spiritual Journey** | In the same style that Jonathan shared, take time this week to chart your own spiritual growth since you became a Christian. Consider peak moments, times of growth or decline, and the ways in which God has worked in your life over the years. Some questions for reflection:
  - a. *What have been the “breakthrough moments”?* Where do I see a throughline in them?
  - b. *What rhythms in my life have tended to match the times of spiritual growth?*
    - i. *Spiritual decline/struggle?*
  - c. *Where am I moving now? What is my current direction?*
  - d. *Who have been the key people/influences at different points of this journey?*
2. **Discovering a Practice** | This week, try one “new” practice to deepen your faith that you haven’t explored before. It could be fasting during lent, reading the Bible in a new way (Lectio Divina, etc), confessing sin to a friend, observing a Sabbath, or prayer walking and listening for what God might be saying to you. The point isn’t to add more to your plate, but to explore and imagine in what ways God might already be up to something that you can step deeper into.

*\* For help with any of these practices, or if you would like suggestions for reading, deeper study, or integration of this topic with personal spiritual practice, email Pastor Dan ([dan@ridgechurch.ca](mailto:dan@ridgechurch.ca)) and he would love to support you in this!*

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## RIDGE INVITATIONS & REMINDERS

### **LOVING OUR CITY | WOMAN CARE TRIVIA NIGHT | Friday Feb 27th**

We love our CITY, and want to support those partners with us in loving our neighbors! Come have some fun, friendly competition, enjoy delicious desserts at Woman Care’s 15th Annual Trivia Night & Auction!

Event Details:

 When: Friday, February 27, 2026

 Where: Maple Ridge Alliance Church – 20399 Dewdney Trunk Rd

 Time: Doors open at 6:00 pm | Trivia runs 6:30–9:30 pm Register on line

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) | Sunday, March 1st – After Service

 Lower Auditorium

Our AGM will take place immediately following the morning service in the Lower Auditorium. This gathering is for members, and we will share a simple lunch together before the business meeting begins.

If anyone in your group has questions about the AGM or is interested in pursuing membership, please encourage them to reach out to [daniel@ridgechurch.ca](mailto:daniel@ridgechurch.ca)

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## SEMESTER TIMELINE:

We are heading into our **final three weeks** of this semester together. What a beautiful stretch to lean in, pray intentionally, and finish well.

 Spring Break: March 15th–March 28th

There will be no regular community group gatherings during these two weeks as families travel and rhythms shift. We will resume again after the break!

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## RIDGE SERVES:

- **RIDGE KIDS** is growing as fast as the kids are and we are looking for folks to show Jesus to the next generation once a month in all classrooms! Please reach out to Miss Lauren [lauren@ridgechurch.ca](mailto:lauren@ridgechurch.ca) for more information.
- **RIDGE HOSPITALITY TEAM** is in need of more hands and hearts to serve once a month at our Sunday Socials! Please reach out to Dayna [dayna@ridgechurch.ca](mailto:dayna@ridgechurch.ca)
- **RIDGE COFFEE CREWS** need more folks to help us serve Jesus on Sunday mornings! Please reach out to Dayna [tracey@ridgechurch.ca](mailto:tracey@ridgechurch.ca)
- **FOOD BANK ON WHEELS** (Non-perishables) & **COMMUNITY HUB** (Clothing) donation bins are located in both entrances.

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## SHARED COMMUNITY PRAYERS