Ridge Community Guide

November 8, 2026

Celebrations

What was something from this past week or two that made you give thanks or praise?

Connection

Who is someone in your life (or in history) whose humility and selflessness you admire or have learned from?

Prayer

Pray about the celebrations or what someone has shared

Scripture Reading

James 3:13-18

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Conversations

1. **Compare Philippians 2:3 with James 3:14–16. Both passages identify selfish ambition and envy or vain conceit as threats to healthy relationships.**
    a. We know what selfish ambition and envy are. How would you define 'vain conceit'?
    b. What are some of the areas of our lives where we can experience the pull of envy, selfish ambition or vain conceit?
    c. How can selfish ambition / envy / vain conceit show up even when we are doing good things or serving others?
    d. Is it wrong for a Christian to be ambitious when it comes to their career or other areas of their life? Why or why not?
    e. How can you check whether your ambition is healthy or selfish?
    f. When it is selfish ambition or when you do suffer from envy or vain conceit, what can you do about that?

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2. **Philippians 2:3–4 calls us in humility to value others above ourselves. This is the same message in James.**
    a. How does Jesus humble himself in verses 5–8?
    b. What is the difference between true, biblical humility and a false, unbiblical humility?
    c. How does having a false, unbiblical sense of humility hinder the way you can love and serve others?
    d. How does having a true, biblical sense of humility make putting others ahead of us 'work'?

3. **Read Philippians 2:9 - 11**
    a. How was Jesus rewarded for his willingness to humble himself and give his life for others?
    b. According to James our reward will be “a harvest of righteousness” (v. 18). What does that mean? What does it look like in real life?

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4. **In Philippians 2:5 Paul tells us to adopt the mindset of Jesus.**
    a. What is one way that having the mindset of Jesus might practically change the way you use your position, abilities, time, or resources?
    b. In James 3:18 he explains that "peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness." What does it look like to be a peacemaker, not just a conflict-avoider?
    c. Why is being a peacemaker hard? What are the rewards of engaging in peace making?

Spiritual Formation Practices

Good deeds: What specific act of humble service could you undertake this week in response to Jesus' example? What might it cost you, and how can the group pray for you as you take that step?

Sow Peace: Identify one place of tension or comparison in your life and take one concrete step toward peace rather than competition.

Prayer Requests

Ridge Serves

BE RIDGE | City Christmas Dinner: We are very excited to invite our Community Groups to be part of something beautiful this Christmas! We'll be hosting a Christmas Dinner for our neighbours who gather at the COMMUNITY HUB, and we'd love for our Ridge Communities to help make this a wonderful evening!

Sunday, December 13th | 5:30–7:30 PM | LOWER AUDITORIUM

Our heart is to serve a lovely Christmas meal, sing some familiar Christmas carols and, most importantly, sit around the tables with our guests, share a meal, enjoy conversations and build genuine connections.

We're also collecting toques, mittens, gloves, scarves, hand warmers and warm socks to bless our guests with a little extra Christmas warmth.

School Lunch Program: Chef Robbie and his team are looking for volunteers to drive and/or serve lunches in our elementary kids schools around the district. Lunches are served Wednesday - Friday between 11:00 - 12:30. Reach out to **hearthvolunteers@gmail.com**

Food Bank On Wheels (Non-perishables) & **Community Hub** (Clothing) donation bins are located in both entrances.

Ridge Reminders

IN Joy: Ladies, join us for a joy filled Christmas gathering where women can connect, create, worship, have fun, and support an Youth Unlimited who shows the love of Jesus to youth in around our City. Come as you are. Bring a friend!
Friday November 27 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm Tickets $10 | All net proceeds go to Youth Unlimited. No Childcare Available.

Sunday Social: We will be having a Sunday Social on **November 29** after the 9am service! Join us for a meal around a table and have wonderful discussion with our church family! Tickets at the door are $8 for adults and $5 for kids.

