



COMMUNITY Conversations | April 5th, 2026

CELEBRATIONS

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

CONNECTION

What is something you once thought was missing in your life, only to find it in a completely unexpected place?

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-9

CONVERSATIONS

1. Faith often begins when we realize something is missing. What was a moment in your life (big or small) where you realized something deeper was missing?
 - a. If you are exploring faith or when you first were, what brought you to that realization?
2. We live in a time where science and technology have brought incredible good, yet rates of anxiety and depression continue to rise. Why do you think that is?
 - a. What kind of questions do you think tech/A.I./etc. could not answer?
3. **Read John 20:6-8** | The word John uses here for "saw" is *theoro* (to theorize, ponder, and reason). Peter and John carefully examined what they found and thought through every possible explanation.
 - a. How does it change your view of faith to know that the very first Christian came to believe through careful thinking?
 - b. What does that kind of deep thinking about the resurrection look like for you?

4. John tells us simply: "**He saw and believed**" (v. 8). At some point, faith can't stay purely intellectual; it has to become personal. What does it look like for faith to move from "I think this is true" to "I'm going to live like it's true"?
 - a. When did your faith become personal? What did that look like for you?
5. **Read John 20:9** | John admits that even after believing, he and the disciples still didn't fully understand. How does it encourage you to know that faith doesn't require having all the answers?
 - a. What's an area of your faith you're still feeling a need to grow in?
 - b. What could that growth look like in this season?

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PRACTICES

1. **Read and Reflect | The Passion Narrative** - *This week, slowly read through the full story of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. As you read, try what Peter and John did in the tomb – don't just look, "theo". Stop and think. Ask yourself: what does this reveal about who God is? What does it ask of me? If you're doing this as a community, consider reading it together out loud and sharing what stood out to each person.*
2. **Take One Step In Faith** | *The sermon talked about how faith becomes real when we act on it (when we stand up in the foxhole). This week, identify one specific area where God might be asking you to trust him and take a step. It might be a conversation you've been avoiding, an invitation you've been meaning to extend, or a habit you know needs to change. Name it to someone in your group and ask them to check in with you about it next week.*

RIDGE REMINDERS

A few reminders and opportunities coming up in the life of our church family:

Ridge Essentials | 8-week courses | Mondays 7–8:30pm

- *The Bible Course* | April 13 – June 8 | \$15
 - *Men's Study (1 Peter)* | starting April 20
 - *Women's Study (Women of the Bible)* | starting April 20
- 👉 Encourage your group members to consider taking a next step here! Registration is online.

EQUIP Night | M.A.I.D. (Medical Assistance in Dying)

 Sunday, April 12 | 7–9pm

This will be an important and thoughtful evening as we engage this topic together. Registration is online.



Seniors Social



Thursday, April 16 | 1–3pm

A great space for connection — feel free to pass this along!



Sunday Social | Thai Feast



April 19 | Lower Auditorium

\$ Adults \$8 / Kids \$5

Chef Robbie and team are preparing something really special to kick off our first Social of the spring 🌿

♥ RIDGE SERVES:

- **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
- **RIDGE COFFEE CREWS** need more folks to help us serve Jesus on Sunday mornings! Please reach out to Dayna tracey@ridgechurch.ca
- **FOOD BANK ON WHEELS** (Non-perishables) & **COMMUNITY HUB** (Clothing) donation bins are located in both entrances.



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