



Ridge Community Guide

October 11, 2026

Celebrations

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

Connection

After celebrating Thanksgiving, share one unexpected blessing from this year you're grateful for.

Prayer

Pray about the celebrations or what someone has shared

Scripture Reading

James 2:1-13

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Conversation

1. **James opens with a vivid example: a rich person in fine clothes gets the good seat, while a poor person in shabby clothes gets told to stand or sit on the floor (v2-4). Have you ever witnessed, or been on the receiving end of, that kind of favoritism (maybe not about money, but something else)?**

2. **Not all examples of favoritism are so obvious. What are some of the criteria or categories that we use to subtly 'sort' people?**

3. **Why do we have a tendency to quietly show favoritism to some and be dismissive of others?**

4. **Verses 8-9 call favoritism sin, a violation of the "royal law" to love your neighbor as yourself. Why do you think favoritism is such a serious issue to James, even though it can feel like a small, almost invisible sin?**

5. **Read v12-13: "Mercy triumphs over judgment." How can we fight against our natural tendencies towards bias, prejudice and favoritism?**

6. **When we share communion together as a church we are reminded that at the foot of the cross we are all equal – regardless of our differences. How is a healthy church a picture of what it looks like to be a community of people who live out the 'royal law'?**

7. **Is there someone in your life right now you've quietly written off, overlooked, or treated as "less than"? What would it look like to move toward them this week?**

Spiritual Formation Practices

1. **Notice Your Default:** This week, pay attention to who you naturally gravitate toward and who you overlook, whether in a room, online, or in conversation. Ask God to widen your circle of attention.
2. **A Meal Without Rank:** Share a meal or coffee this week with someone you wouldn't normally choose to sit with, and simply listen to their story.

Prayer Requests

Ridge Reminders

Medical Ethics: Four sessions. Foundations. Beginnings of Life. Addictions. Compassionate Vocations. Starting October 19. Registration online.

Discovering a Biblical Worldview: Discovering a Biblical Worldview is a six-part series designed to support you in faithfully living your life as a Christian within our culture. Starting October 19. Registration online.

Senior Social: Thursday, October 15 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Lower Auditorium. Bob Bahr will be sharing on the topic of unanswered prayer and doubt. Cost is \$5.

Sunday Social: Sunday, October 25 after the 11:00am service in the Lower Auditorium. \$10 per adult and \$5 per kid.

Ridge Serves

Ridge Kids: Hearts and hands needed in every classroom to serve once a month. Reach out to Kelly (kelly@ridgechurch.ca)

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