



## COMMUNITY Conversations | Jan 18th, 2026

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### CONNECTION

What's something you've learned deeply over time (a skill, trade, hobby, or discipline) – that didn't happen overnight?

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### OPENING PRAYER

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### SCRIPTURE

Read *2 Timothy 4:1–5* together

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### CONVERSATIONS

1. What do you think makes a faith resilient over time? What makes it fragile?
2. When you hear the word “doctrine,” what reactions or experiences come to mind?
  - a. Where or how would you say you have learnt about and shaped your “doctrine” and understanding of what you believe?
3. Where do you feel most confident in what you believe?
  - a. Where do you feel least confident or most unsure?
  - b. Where do you look for answers to these questions?
4. Read 2 Tim 4:3-4.
  - a. What are some ways cultural pressures subtly shape what Christians want God to be like?
  - b. Where do you find that is a temptation for you personally? What do your ears “itch to hear” even if it’s not true?

5. What's one practical way you could look to "Develop your doctrine" in 2026?
  
  6. Pastor Jonathan pointed out that **Good orthodoxy leads to good orthopraxy**.
    - a. How does knowing what you believe actually help you live faithfully when life gets hard or confusing? Can you tell a story of what this has looked like for you?
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## SPIRITUAL FORMATION PRACTICES (Prayerfully choose one.)

1. **Developmental Reading** | Grab a copy of A.W. Tozer's "Knowledge of the Holy" and spend time reading about the different attributes of God. If you want, find a friend to read and discuss the book with.
  
2. **Investing in your Doctrine** | Choose an Essentials class or space of discipleship to engage in this year:
  - a. Truth and Evidence Class (Sunday Mornings)
  - b. Sanctuary Course (Monday Nights)
  - c. Alpha (Thursday Nights)
  - d. A Bible Project Classroom (Online for free!)

\* For help finding helpful formats for Bible study resources for personal or study with others, email Pastor Dan ([dan@ridgechurch.ca](mailto:dan@ridgechurch.ca)) and he would love to support you in this!



## RIDGE REMINDERS

### **SUNDAY SOCIAL – January 18th**

Right after service in the Lower Auditorium!

A Mexican-themed meal, great conversations, and our first of 2026. Invite your group to come and connect!

### **ALPHA**

Alpha is a beautiful next step for anyone exploring Christianity or asking big faith questions.

**Thursdays, 6–8pm starting January 22nd**

Includes dinner, meaningful conversations, and childcare.

*Registration required.*

#### **Opportunity to Serve:**

We would *love* to have our Community Groups help **serve the meal** for Alpha one of the 12 weeks. It's a simple, meaningful way for your group to serve together and bless those exploring faith.

If your group would like to take a week – or if you'd like help choosing one – please let me know and I'll gladly get you connected.

### **RIDGE ESSENTIALS**

Two great courses launching this month:

#### **1) Truth & Evidence**

A thoughtful look at how science and faith work together and the logical nature of Christianity.

**Sundays, 9–10:15am starting January 25th (before service).** *Registration required so resources can be prepared.*

#### **2) The Sanctuary Course**

A guided, grace-filled conversation on mental health and Christian community.

**Mondays, 7-8:30pm starting January 26th.** *Registration required so resources can be prepared.*

### **DISCOVER RIDGE – January 23rd**

A simple next step for new or newer people to learn about Ridge's vision, values, and community life. Held **after service in the Lower Auditorium.**

## 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 Laureen [laureen@ridgechurch.ca](mailto:laureen@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