Ridge Community Guide

November 22, 2026

Celebrations

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

Connection

Tell us about a time you had to wait a long time for something. What did the waiting teach you, or what did it feel like?

Prayer

Pray about the celebrations or what someone has shared

Scripture Reading

James 5:7-11

J E S U S
C O M M U N I T Y
C I T Y

Conversations

1. **Read James 5:1–8.**
    a. **What wrongs does James name in verses 1–6?**
    b. **How does hearing him speak to the people responsible shape the way you hear his call to patience in verse 7?**

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2. **Think about the farmer in verses 7–8.**
    a. **What can the farmer do, and what does the farmer have to wait for?**
    b. **How does that picture help you understand what it means to "stand firm" while waiting for Jesus to return?**

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3. **Read Romans 12:19 alongside James 5:10. How can you tell the difference between pursuing justice and seeking revenge?**

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4. **Consider Job's perseverance in verse 11. Job cried out to God, and Jesus did too on the cross.**
    a. **What makes it hard to pray that honestly?**
    b. **How might bringing anger, grief, or confusion to God be an act of faith?**

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5. **The sermon used Anna's phrase from *Frozen 2*, "do the next right thing." James points us to the actions of the prophets (v. 10).**
    a. **When a situation feels too overwhelming to fix, what might one faithful next step look like?**
    b. **How could a small group help someone take that step?**

Conversations

6. **James ends by saying, "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy."**
    a. **What makes those words hard to trust when injustice goes unanswered?**
    b. **How do Jesus' resurrection and promised return give you reason to trust them?**

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7. **The sermon closed with the image of kintsugi, pottery repaired with gold, and the risen Jesus still bearing his scars. How do those images shape what you hope for when you think about God making a wounded life whole?**

Spiritual Formation Practices

Tend the Field: Identify one area you're waiting on God for, and take one small, faithful action this week rather than either forcing an outcome or giving up.

Remember God's Compassion: Each day this week, recall one specific past example of God's faithfulness to you, as an anchor for present patience.

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.

We're looking for 10 new ushers!

We're growing our team and would love to add 10 new people! Ushers play an important role in creating a warm and welcoming Sunday morning experience at Ridge Church. From helping people find a place to worship, assisting with service flow, communion, and making sure everyone feels welcomed and at home, our ushers make a real difference!
If you can serve just once a month at either our 9:00 or 11:00 service, we'd love to hear from you!
If interested, reach out to **Dayna** at **dayna@ridgechurch.ca**

Help us make Ridge Church a place where everyone feels welcome!

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.

