Ridge Community Guide

November 15, 2026

Celebrations

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

Connection

When you were a kid, what was something you fought hard to get your own way about, and how did it turn out?

Prayer

Pray about the celebrations or what someone has shared

Scripture Reading

James 4:1-10

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Conversations

1. **Read verses 1–2. What does James list as the sources of our fights and quarrels?**

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2. **While sinful desires can cause relational conflict, the desires that James is talking about in this passage are valid desires. Most of them fall into one of the following categories. The desire for...**
    a. **Comfort**
    b. **Pleasure**
    c. **Recognition**
    d. **Power / Influence**
    e. **Control**
    f. **Acceptance**

How can you tell when a valid desire, like recognition or acceptance, starts to become a selfish desire?

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3. **Read vv. 2b - 3. What does it look like to pray for your desires with pure versus impure motives?**

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4. **Read vv. 4 - 6.**
    a. **What happens when winning becomes the goal?**
    b. **The sermon describes an inner "defence lawyer" who justifies our actions and a "prosecuting attorney" who builds a case against the other person. Which one tends to show up first for you?**
    c. **What does God's grace look (or feel) like in the midst of a conflict?**

Conversations

5. **Read James 4:7–8 alongside Matthew 5:23–24.**
    a. **What makes it hard to take the first step toward reconciliation when you believe the other person also has something to own? What might that first step look like?**
    b. **Have you done (or seen someone do) the kinds of things that Jesus calls us to in Matthew 5:23 - 24. What happened?**

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6. **Read vv. 8 - 9. James calls for a change of heart and behaviour (repentance).**
    a. **What would repentance actually change?**
    b. **Is repentance something that you only need to do before God or is it something that also needs to be done before the person that you harmed?**
    c. **What does repentance look / sound like in each case?**

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7. **In verse 10, James says that the Lord will lift up those who humble themselves. How might God use conflict to help you grow?**

Spiritual Formation Practices

Name the Desire: Identify one desire currently driving conflict or discontent in your life, and bring it honestly to God rather than to control or self-effort.

Spiritual Growth: Think of a recurring disagreement. What might God be growing in you through it, and what is one humble step you could take this week, even if the other person's response is uncertain?

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.

