



## COMMUNITY Conversations | March 1st, 2026

### CELEBRATIONS

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

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### CONNECTION

*What's your favourite space to connect with people outside of a "church" setting? (Sports? School? Hobby? Interest?)*

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### OPENING PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Romans 10:12 - 15

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## GUIDED PRAYER | VISION SUNDAY

*Because this is Vision Sunday, we want to respond with more than ideas or discussion. We want to seek God together and ask the Holy Spirit to shape our hearts, our church, and our witness in our city. We'll pray in four movements so we can look back with gratitude, name what's real right now, ask for clarity and guidance for the future, and offer ourselves to participate.*

### 1) PAST | Gratitude

We start by remembering God's faithfulness, because gratitude steadies our hearts and helps us see what God has already been doing among us.

**Scripture:** *Isaiah 52:8-9*

**Prayer Prompts:**

- "God, thank You for the ways You've been faithful among us."
- "Thank You for stories of comfort, redemption, and growth in our church."

- “Thank You for places we’ve seen peace, goodness, and freedom.”

**Prayer** : Go around with one sentence prayers: “God, thank You for\_\_\_\_\_”. Have one person close when they sense.

## 2) PRESENT | Reality

We name what’s true and bring real people and real needs to God, trusting that honesty in prayer is part of faithful leadership and love for our city.

**Scripture:** *Romans 10:12–14*

**Prayer Prompts:**

- “Open our eyes to the real needs, pain, and spiritual hunger in our city.”
- “Bring to mind one person we love who is far from You. We hold them before You.”
- “Give our church unity, wisdom, and courage for this season.”

**Prayer:** Pray in pairs or groups of three for specific people, stories, or situations in our city that we desire Jesus to break into.

## 3) FUTURE | Direction

Vision is discerned, not manufactured, so we ask God to guide our church into the next faithful steps and to show us where He is opening doors.

**Scripture:** *Romans 10:15 + Isaiah 52:7*

**Prayer Prompts:**

- “Guide our church in the next faithful steps to help our city know Jesus.”
- “Show us where to build ‘porches’—spaces of welcome, trust, and honest conversation.”
- “Strengthen the porches already at work among us (Alpha/partnerships/etc).”

**Prayer:** Spend 2 minutes of silence (“Holy Spirit, where are You leading?” or “Come, Holy Spirit” as a simple opening to this time). Share briefly after this if anyone had a sense of what God was speaking, then have one person pray to close.

## 4) PARTICIPATION | Resolve

We don't want vision to remain abstract, so we offer ourselves to God and ask for one concrete step of faithfulness in our everyday lives.

**Scripture:** *Romans 12:1*

**Prayer Prompts:**

- "Make us available and faithful—sent people with ordinary courage."
- "Give me one small 'yes' this month: invite, serve, pray, or be open about Jesus."
- "Form in us love, patience, joy, humility, and boldness."

**Prayer:** Invite reflection in silence or sharing -"What is **my** yes to God?". Allow space and invite prayers of commitment. *Lord, my yes is \_\_\_\_\_ (to serve here, to lead there, to invite this friend, etc)* leader closes with a simple commissioning prayer when they sense.

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## CONVERSATIONS

1. **Read Isaiah 52:7-9.** What do you think it means to say "God reigns" in a world that feels chaotic or cynical?
  2. What challenges, heartbreaks, and needs do you see in our city?
    - a. How is Jesus **good news** in those places?
    - b. What makes sharing that news intimidating or overwhelming?
  3. *A porch is described as a halfway space between "street" and "house," a relational place where people can belong enough to explore.* What porches do you see that already exist for people to explore?
    - a. What kinds of porches do you think are needed in our city for the gospel to go forward?
  4. What spaces have you grown in your faith in a way that didn't feel "awkward" or "forced"?
    - a. What about that space made it possible?
  5. If your life had a porch, where would it be (sports, meals, kids, neighbours, hobbies, work)?
    - a. What's one practical step you could take to create that porch?
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 **RIDGE REMINDERS**

 **SEMESTER TIMELINE:**

We are heading into our **final two weeks** of this semester together. What a beautiful stretch to lean in, pray intentionally, and finish well.

 **Spring Break: March 15th–March 28th**

There will be no regular community group gatherings during these two weeks as families travel and rhythms shift. We will resume again after the break!

 **CELEBRATION DINNER for the start of Semester 3 March 29th?**

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 **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 Lauren [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**