

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WATER BAPTISM - NOVEMBER 1ST

*If you have put your trust in Jesus, you have been **MADE NEW!** Let's celebrate that together through Baptism at our worship night! Scan the QR code for all the details and to register!*

DISCOVER WESTBRIDGE - NOVEMBER 1ST

*Want to learn how to get connected here at Westbridge Church. **DISCOVER** Westbridge is it! Sunday, November 1st @ 4pm. Join us for one hour as we explore who we are and how you can be part of it!*



PERSONAL NOTES:

LIFE GROUPS:

CHECK OUT A LIFE GROUP!

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!



MESSAGE NOTES

JOYRIDE // Week 3

A divided church is WEAK and INEFFECTIVE.

*Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. **Philippians 1:27***

Unity is accepting that we're DIFFERENT, but choosing that we BELONG together anyway.

3 things that unite us:

1. One ENEMY.

*For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:12***

2. One MISSION.

3. One STRATEGY.

*For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it. **Philippians 1:29-30***

*Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **Philippians 2:1-4***

BOTTOM LINE:

In God's Kingdom, we don't have to SEE everything the same to PULL in the same direction!

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and growing in our faith!

Oct 15th / 18th, 2026

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WARM UP

1. What's a completely harmless opinion you have that you're willing to defend to death? (pineapple on pizza, the toilet paper goes over - not under, or the thermostat should never be above 68 degrees.)

2. As you reflect on the talk from this weekend, what is one thing that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or inspired you?

2

KNOW IT

1. Read **Philippians 1:27-30**. What do you think it means to live as a "citizen of heaven"? How should that citizenship influence how we handle disagreement?

2. Read **John 13:34-35**. Why do you think Jesus chose LOVE as the identifying mark of his followers? What message does a divided church communicate to people who are exploring faith?

3. Read **Ephesians 6:10-12**. How does remembering that our struggle isn't against flesh and blood change the way we view people we disagree with?

4. Read **Philippians 2:1-4**. What specific instructions does Paul give for how we should treat one another? Why is pride such a significant obstacle to healthy relationships?

3

SHARE IT

1. "Unity isn't the same as uniformity." Why is that distinction important? Where have you seen it modeled well?

2. Think about the different relationships in your life - marriage, family, friendships, workplace, church. Where is it easiest for you to pursue unity? Where is it difficult?

3. We live in a culture that often rewards outrage, criticism, and division. How have you noticed social media, news, or other influences shaping the way you view people who disagree with you?

4. The message challenged us to use our personalities, opinions, and leadership gifts to build others up rather than tear them down. What might that look like in your life?

4

LIVE IT

This week's challenge: One Person - One Humble Move.

1. Who is one person in your life you could intentionally move toward this week to promote greater unity?

2. What's one practical step you could take? Perhaps offering an apology, initiating a conversation, choosing to forgive, listening without becoming defensive, or extending grace. How could you do that this week?

3. What is one personal preference or opinion you might need to hold more loosely for the sake of a greater purpose?