

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### NEW SERVICE TIMES

**Our Fall Schedule kicks off on September 4th:**

**Thursdays: 7:00pm**

**Sundays: 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am**

### FALL STUDENT KICKOFF

**Wednesday, Sept 3rd: 7pm-9pm**

**6th-12th graders will enjoy a fall kickoff with free pizza, games, giveaways, and a great message!**



## PERSONAL NOTES:

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## LIFE GROUPS:



### NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

**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

### Stop Going To Church // Week 4

*I will build my church, and not even death itself will be able to overcome it. **Matthew 16:18***

**Westbridge must grow larger and SMALLER at the same time!**

*Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46-47***

**You know have to know everyone, but you should know SOMEONE.**

*Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. IF one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12***

**MYTH: Community is something you FIND.**

**TRUTH: Community is something you BUILD.**

*Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. **Ephesians 4:2-4***

### How to build community:

1. **SIGN UP**.
2. **SHOW UP**.
3. **BE YOURSELF**.
4. **SHOW GRACE**.

*Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:23-25***

# 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!*

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### WARM UP

1. Who are a few people in your life who make you feel truly known and supported? How did those relationships form?

2. When was a time you felt like an “outsider” somewhere? What helped you feel welcome (or what would have helped)?

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### KNOW IT

1. Read **Matthew 16:18**. How does Jesus’ vision of the church as a movement - not a building - change the way we view weekly gatherings?

2. Read **Acts 2:46-47**. What do you notice about how the early church gathered? Why do you think both “temple courts” and “house to house” meetings were necessary?

3. Read **Romans 12:4-5**. How does Paul’s picture of the church as “one body with many members” help us understand unity? What does this metaphor teach us about our need for each other?

4. Read **Ephesians 4:2-4**. Paul says “make every effort” to maintain unity. what does this tell us about the intentionality needed to build community?

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### SHARE IT

1. This talk highlighted the myth that community is “found” versus the truth that community is “built”. How have you seen this play out in your own life?

2. Who in your life helps keep your faith alive and “instill courage” in you? How can you play that role for someone else?

3. Think of a time when a friend, small group, or church community carried you through a tough season. How did their support impact your faith?

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### LIVE IT

1. When you think about *SHOW UP*, *BE YOURSELF*, and *SHOW GRACE*, which step comes naturally for you, and which one do you need to grow in?

2. Read **Hebrews 10:23-25**. What specific ways can your group encourage hope in each other as you look forward to Christ’s return?