

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend ten minutes discussing this week's talk. What was something that resonated with you?
2. What is the definition of family? What are the similarities between a family that lives in a household together and God's family?
3. How can God's family—the Church—share Jesus' love by helping people become fully devoted followers of Christ? Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 and Matthew 22:37. What is your role in this purpose?
4. What is the difference between being a Christ follower who does not belong to a church and being a member of Church on the Ridge?
5. What is the difference between a privilege and something deserved? According to Romans 6:23, what do we deserve? What privilege has God given us, and what should we do with that privilege? Read 1 Peter 1:3.
6. How can you "get ready," for walking out your role in God's family at Church on the Ridge in this coming year?

Action Step:

This week, as you read these verses, do the following:

- A. Reflect on God's love.
- B. Embrace that love.
- C. Ask yourself how this love can spur you on to act as a part of God's family at Church on the Ridge.



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Get Ready

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning..."
Luke 12:35 NIV

Community—Crowd—Congregation—Committed—Core

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 NIV

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16 NIV

What is the difference between the Church's membership and COTR membership?

Church—Committing to Christ as Lord and Savior

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NASB

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 NIV

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12 NLT

Church on the Ridge—Committing to the Local Family of COTR

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

Colossians 3:16 NLT

Acts 2:42-46 NIV

Life—_____

Community—_____

Purpose—_____

1. Having received Christ as my _____ and _____

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
Romans 10:9 NLT

2. Having been _____ in water.

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household."
Acts 16:31 NLT

"Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved."
Mark 16:16 NLT

Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"
Acts 2:37-38 NLT

3. Being in agreement with the Church on the Ridge's _____

Purpose— We exist to share the love of Jesus by helping people become _____

Beliefs— 5 non-negotiables

- The Bible is the _____
- _____
- Jesus' love _____ His literal death and resurrection.
- Our belief in Jesus _____ where we choose to spend eternity.
- There is a _____ and a _____

Values

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Strategy—_____

Structure—_____

4. I now feel led by the _____ to unite with the Church on the Ridge family in formal membership.

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.
Ephesians 4:16 NLT