

CONNECTION

- What is the most interesting or significant thing that has happened in your life since we last met?

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE :

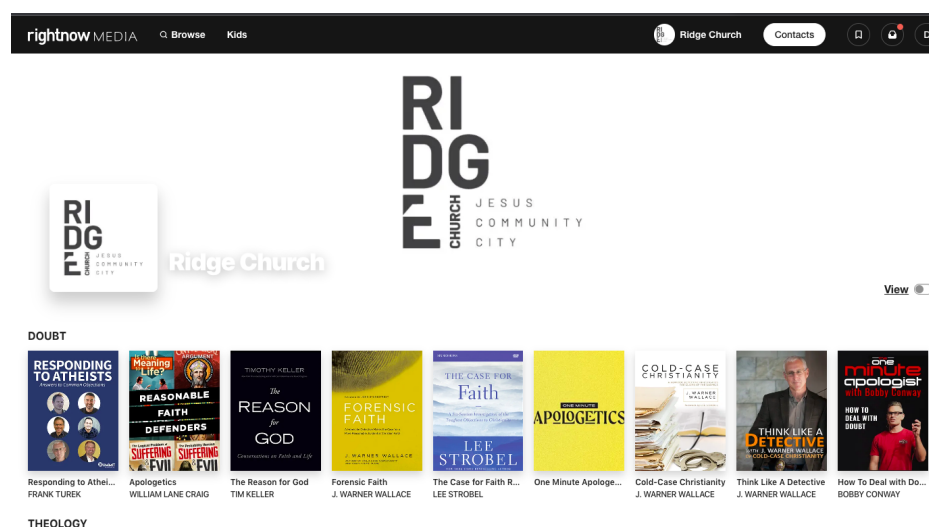
- Deuteronomy 20:16 - 17; Joshua 6:21; 8:25; 10:40
- Psalm 46:1 - 11; Exodus 14:13 - 14
- John 18:36; Matthew 26:52; Romans 13:1 - 5

EXTRA RESOURCES (to prepare or share in your group):

Are you subscribed to **RIGHT NOW MEDIA**? It is like a Christian NETFLIX of resources & studies (video and book based) and we pay for it as a church, so it is totally **FREE** for you and yours!

To get access, go to our church website, under the GROW tab you will see RESOURCES and a link to RIGHT NOW MEDIA (RNM). Click that link and it will get you access.

Within RNM we have curated sections that correspond to our current sermon series and other areas of interest (ie. Theology, Relationships, etc). It is very user friendly and there is amazing content! Check it out!



CONVERSATIONS:

- The Bible is God's Word to us. However, it didn't drop straight out of heaven. Instead it was written by those whom the Holy Spirit inspired and directed. It was also written in a specific historical and cultural context and often to a specific group of people.
 - Read Deuteronomy 20:16 - 17; Joshua 6:21; 8:25; 10:40. When it comes to verses like this, why is knowing the historical context so important?
 - What are some of the historical contexts that help us understand what is going on in these verses?
- Sometimes when we take verses out of the context that they are written in, we can misunderstand the full meaning of the verse.
 - Read Psalm 46:10. How is this verse normally used among Christians?
 - Read Exodus 14:13 - 14. How does this verse help understand what this verse is about?
 - Read Psalm 46:1 - 11. What does this chapter teach us about dealing with the battles and struggles in our lives?
 - How does the context change the way we understand v. 10?
- If someone said to you that religion was a dangerous source of violence and war in the world today, how would you (gently) respond, both biblically and from history? (cf. John 18:36; Matthew 26:52)

- Does this mean that Christians should oppose all use of physical force? Why or why not? (See Romans 13:1 - 5)

RIDGE REMINDERS:

- 1) Our *Women's Hike & Study* steps into gear at the end of this month! Register on line @ridgechurch.ca to join us Saturdays @10am as we explore creation and God's word together!
- 2) Our *Ridge Riders* are getting ready to roll! Register online @ridgechurch.ca to experience fun and fellowship together!
- 3) Do you like to build stuff? Just a reminder that fellas gather at the *Alouette Men's Shed* on Tues & Thurs at 9am-noon in our Ridge Church workshop. Email AlouetteMensShed@outlook.com or call 604-786-7404 for more information.

RIDGE CARES:

- **RIDGE CONNECTIONS** We are building out a team of folks who would serve in the lobby and auditorium on Sunday mornings once a month intentionally welcoming and connecting with folks they do not yet know. Interested in knowing more? Please contact Dayna@ridgechurch.ca
- Our **SYRIAN FAMILY** arrives **April 27th** and we need your **HELP!**
 - 1) On Sunday April 30th we need help with **moving** their furniture and building a few things (ie. beds)
 - 2) Help **unpacking/setting** up (homemaking) either Sunday evening **April 30** or Monday **May 1st**
 - 3) The family still needs several things (at the end of this document) but the following is most **urgent**:
 - toddler car seat,
 - large decent quality stock pot with lid,
 - Superstore gift cards

4) We have updated the rest of their list in your conversation notes.

5) **SAVE THE DATE:** we will be hosting a **"WELCOME HOME !" COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT** on **Friday May 26th | 6:30-9:30** where you and yours can come out, have some fun and help us support and welcome the **HOCA** family to Ridge Church!

RIDGE PRAYS:

- PRAY for the HOCA family as they travel to Canada this week. We ask God for them to be met with kindness and the love of Christ. PRAY that they would not feel overwhelmed as they spend a night in Toronto on their way here.
- PRAY for our team in Guatemala. That strong relationships would begin to form and that they would be inspired as they serve. PRAY for their health and safety while they are away.
- PRAY for our high school students and that they would have deep faith roots being formed and that they would experience and share Gospel with others.
- PRAY that we as a church family would develop greater confidence in sharing the Gospel in our CITY. PRAY for the Hoca family as they travel to Canada this week. Pray that they would be met with kindness on the way, that they would not be overwhelmed as they spend the night in Toronto and that we, as a church, would show them the love of

- **COMMUNITY PRAYERS:**

OUR SYRIAN FAMILY NEEDS:

Please call or text Lori Robinson: 604-317-9054 lorijrobinson@gmail.com ,
Leanne Cody: 604-308-0753 lcody@shaw.ca

Kitchen

- Large stock pot
- Small freezer
- Microwave (23w x 16d x17h)
- Shelf liner
- Pastry Cutter
- Garlic Press
- Large stock pot/lid
- Lunch Bags x 3 - Adults
- Booster Seat for kitchen
- Food storage containers
- Small Freezer
- Pantry staples
- Superstore gift cards

Front Entry

- Coat rack
- Shoe storage & shoe rack

Master Bedroom

- Queen mattress pad
- Large area rug or runner
- Blankets

Adult Bedroom

- Dresser/nightstand
- Lamp
- Double mattress – NEW

- Double mattress pad

Child's Bedroom (girl 6 | boy 2.5)

- Dresser –white small
- Mattress pad x 2-twin
- Lamp
- Dolls

Living Room

- Chairs x2
- Coat Rack
- Curtain rod(9ft)/panels

Outdoor

- Storage shed
- Gardening tools
- Patio table & chairs
- Outdoor welcome mat
- Bikes (Men's bike x1, Girls x 2)
- Scooter (toddler)
- Helmets (Ladies x 1, Men x 2, Girls x 1, Toddler boys helmet)
- Child carrier for bike
- Patio table-small/chairs
- Patio lights
- Folding lawn chairs(adult & child)
- Cooler
- Outdoor toys (Slide, sandbox, ride on, hard plastic pool)

Office

- Laptops (used okay) x 2 (or \$ towards)
- Office supplies (Pens/pencils, Ruler, Stapler, Notepads, Paper,Scissors, Scotch tape Thumbtacks,Elastics, Paper clips, Permanent marker,Masking Tape, batteries)
- Rubbermaid storage containers

- **Bathroom**
- Over the toilet storage shelf
- Door hanger for towels, robes, etc.
- Childs hooded towel
- Toilet Brush
- Hand held Bidet
- Disposable razors (mens and woman's)
- Nail clippers
- Air freshener
- Child step stool
- **Home Health**
- Basic medications (including children's) for first aid kit
- Band-aids
- Vitamins/Vitamin D
- Thermometer
- Hot water bottle
- Nighttime pull ups – girl size 6
- Diapers – Boy size 6
- Wipes

Miscellaneous

- First Aid Kit
- Flashlights – batteries
- Candles/matches for power outage
- Simple Tool Kit
- Sewing Kit
- Large Rubbermaids
- Humidifier
- Fire Extinguisher
- Backpacks Adult x 3
- Backpacks Children x 3
- Adult Games, Puzzles
- Christmas Decorations
- Umbrellas

- Hangers
- Toddler car seat

Clothing | Footwear

- Boys clothes size 3-4
- Rain Gear - boy
- Boy shoes/boots size 9/10
- Girl clothes size 6 – 10
- Rain gear - girls
- Girl shoes/boots size- 11 & 3
- Men's clothes size L/36 waist
- Men's shoe/boot size 9.5
- Ladies clothing size L
- Ladies shoe/boot size 7