



RIDGEPOINT CHURCH • GROW GROUPS GUIDE

Out: Living Beyond Ourselves

Deep and Wide

WEEK 5

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14–15

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LEADER PREPARATION

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Opening (10 min)**OPENING QUESTION**

Think of a time someone did something generous or sacrificial for you that you didn't ask for and didn't earn. How did that change the way you treated the people around you afterward?

OPENING PICTURE — OVERVIEW

We're in week five of "Deep and Wide," and next Sunday, August 23, marks the launch of Ridgepoint's new Sending Service — an 11:00 a.m. gathering in the Activity Center aimed at growing our impact across Wichita. Today's message tackles a foundational question: why did Jesus actually die and rise again? Pastor Brent walked through reason after reason — forgiveness, reconciliation, new life, freedom from the fear of death — before landing on one that's easy to miss: Jesus died and rose so that we would stop living for ourselves and start living for Him and for others. 2 Corinthians 5:14–15 anchors today's teaching: the love of Christ compels us outward.



UP • 20 MIN

A Daily Relationship with God**BIG IDEA**

Before we can live outward-focused lives, we have to understand what Jesus already did for us. Our relationship with God isn't earned through good behavior — it's built on what Christ accomplished on the cross: forgiveness, reconciliation, and a brand-new identity.

SCRIPTURE AT THE CENTER**2 Corinthians 5:17**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Jesus didn't just save us to get us to heaven someday — He made us into new people, right now.

That's not just a change in behavior; it's a change in identity.

Romans 5:10

"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."

Sin breaks connection with God; to reconcile is to reconnect. Our daily relationship with God starts from a place of being already reconciled — not something we're still working to earn.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ◆ Pastor Brent listed over a dozen reasons Jesus died and rose again — forgiveness, reconciliation, holiness, new life, freedom from fear. Which one means the most to you personally right now, and why?
- ◆ What's the difference between believing you're forgiven and actually living like a "new creation" day to day?
- ◆ Where do you find yourself still trying to "add up enough good" instead of resting in what Jesus already subtracted — forgave — for you?
- ◆ How does knowing you're already reconciled to God change the way you approach Him today?



IN • 15 MIN

A Shared Life Together**WHY THIS MATTERS**

None of us live out these truths alone. That's exactly what this group is for — a place to actually practice what Jesus has already done for you, alongside people who know you. A life that's been forgiven, reconciled, and made new isn't meant to stay private; it grows best when it's shared week after week with people like the ones in this room.

GROWING TOGETHER

Your group already commits to UP, IN, and OUT together — Bible study and prayer, caring for and encouraging one another, and a project of your choosing beyond yourselves. As you continue meeting this fall, look for a next step to take together: is there someone who could use an invitation into what you're already experiencing as a group? Also mark your calendars for Ridgepoint's new Sending Service, launching next Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Center — a step toward eventually sending a team to start a new Ridgepoint campus in Wichita.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ◆ Who are the people in your life who remind you of what Jesus has already done for you when you forget?

- ◆ Your group is built around UP, IN, and OUT together. Which of the three feels hardest for this group to live out consistently?
- ◆ What would it look like for this group to invite someone new into what you're already experiencing together?



OUT • 10 MIN

An Outward-Focused Faith

LIVING IT OUT

Jesus didn't die and rise again only to get us into heaven — He did it so we'd stop living for ourselves and start living for Him (2 Corinthians 5:15). An outward-focused life looks like kindness, forgiveness, respect, inviting people to church, praying for others, volunteering, financial generosity, sharing your story, and surrendering your agenda to His.

Closing challenge: of everything Jesus accomplished on the cross, which truth is most stirring you toward living for others this week?

FOCUS ON GROUP PROJECT

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CLOSING PRAYER

Close your time together by inviting the group to share prayer requests. Then lead the group in prayer, drawing from these prompts from today's sermon:

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Pray that each person would grasp — maybe for the first time — all that Jesus accomplished for them on the cross: forgiveness, reconciliation, and new life.
- Pray for those who still feel they have to earn their way to God, that they would rest in what Christ has already done.
- Pray for the Sending Service launching next Sunday, August 23, that many would step into wider impact across Wichita.
- Pray that this group would grow in living outward-focused lives — for their neighbors, coworkers, and this city.



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