

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. **Catch Up:** What have you enjoyed most about fall so far?
2. **Update:** If your group's interested, feel free to watch our [Southridge third-quarter financial update](#) from Kathy Van Driel and Jeff Martens.
3. **Ice-Breaker:** Share a story that has been passed on through your family, perhaps of your ancestors' origin or a favourite story that has been passed down from generation to generation. How has this story shaped or impacted your life?

PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. What stood out to you in [this week's service](#)? Was there a song that spoke to you? Was there a moment when you sensed the presence of God? Did you meet someone new? Did you learn something from the message? Feel free to watch the [message recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message.
2. What feelings come to the surface when you consider the fact that churches played a significant role in residential schools?
3. Adrian Jacobs referred to the generational trauma that has occurred as a result of children being removed from their families. Where have you seen evidence of this trauma? Do you know anyone personally impacted? How do you think Jesus would respond to those who've been traumatized?
4. What do you think about this statement: *"the survivors asked all of Canada to be a part of dealing with the wrongs of the past and to bring healing to the present generation, this is an act of grace and forgiveness"*? What might it look like for all of Canada (including all of us) to take part?

LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

1. Adrian mentioned that it takes listening to something 11 times before we remember it and 25 times before it becomes integrated into our lives. What could you read, listen to, or who could you talk to, in order to learn more about the injustice inflicted on Indigenous Canadians?
2. Stories are some of the most powerful ways we can understand others' experiences and have our own hearts and minds changed. Consider watching one of these short news documentaries about the experiences of survivors in residential schools: [Painful Legacy of an Ontario Residential School](#) or [Decades of Pain at Mohawk Institute](#).