

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Nov 2, 2025

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

1. For those who've participated in the Community Bible Reading Plan, what has stood out to you in those readings?
2. How long have you lived in Niagara? What do you enjoy most about living in our region? What have you found challenging?

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

1. We encourage you to watch as a group, the message [recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message. This will refresh our memories and result in richer conversations.
2. What are often regarded as the indicators of a strong/successful church?
 - a. How is this similar or different from the condition of the church in Philadelphia?
 - b. How is this similar or different from the condition of our church, Southridge?
3. In a city that was named after love and to a church that was built on open-door love, Jesus provided no correction but only encouragement. What do you find most interesting or significant about that?
4. Have you faced any criticism or negativity for why you attend a church like Southridge? If so, how does that feel and how have you responded in the past? What might a "love beyond belief" response look like?
5. What is one big idea that you learned or impacted you from this message, that you can hold onto this week?

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

1. How can you keep living out Jesus' open-door love together at Southridge, even if/when we face challenges related to our resources or reputation?
2. If/when you experience criticism from other Christians for your belonging to a church like ours, who in the Southridge community, or your life group, could you seek out for encouragement/advice?
3. Following hearing the message and engaging in this conversation, what do you sense that you are being invited into as a next step?