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- We take a 10-minute break during the gathering to fill up on coffee, talk with one another, and dismiss children to their classes. We call it Coffee & Connection Time. It's a good time. We hope you aren't scared off by it.
- Nursery care is available for babies who are 24 months and younger. The nursery is located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor past the Kids @ the Ridge classrooms. You can take your child there at anytime and our trained teachers will put your mind at ease.
- Kids @ the Ridge is our program for kids age 2-grade 5. Step 1 – Visit the sign-in table in the Banquet Hall. Step 2a – When the kids are dismissed (around 10:50), because of this large building, we ask that age 2 – Kindergarten parents escort their kids to the classrooms on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor during our Coffee & Connection Time. Step 2b – If your child is in grade 1-5, they line up with their small group leader in the banquet hall and they escort them upstairs. Step 3 (this is the last step, we promise) – You can pick up your child from their room after the gathering. Be prepared for your child to come home with a bunch of papers and stories to tell. Make sure to ask them what they learned. They might teach you something.
- If you're a student in grades 6-12, you should check out The Source, our small group Bible study that meets on the first and last Sunday of each month in Room 3 of the Rec Centre. You'll want to ask other students about our youth functions on Thursday nights. The group has some awesome times together.
- Want a Bible? We have free copies at the Welcome Centre for you to take home. No strings attached. Just take it and read it.
- Want someone to pray with you? We have people who can pray with you at the end of our gathering. You can tell them as much or as little as you'd like. They won't be nosy and they'll keep it to themselves.

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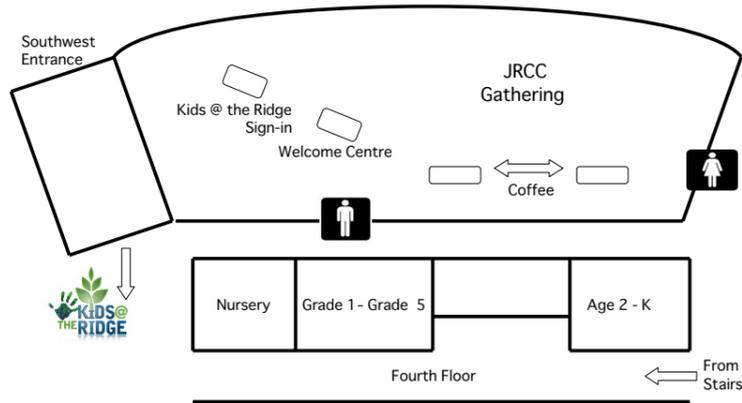
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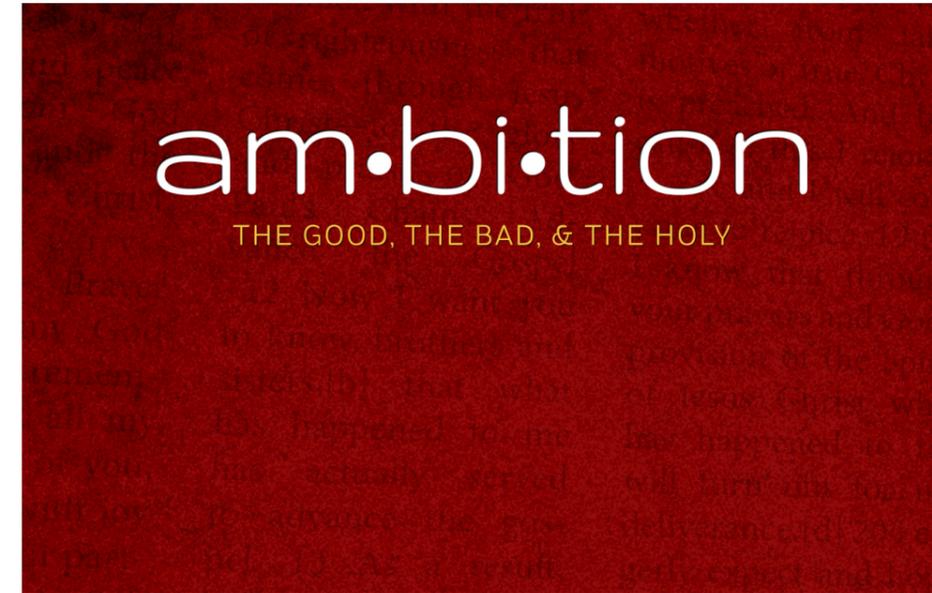
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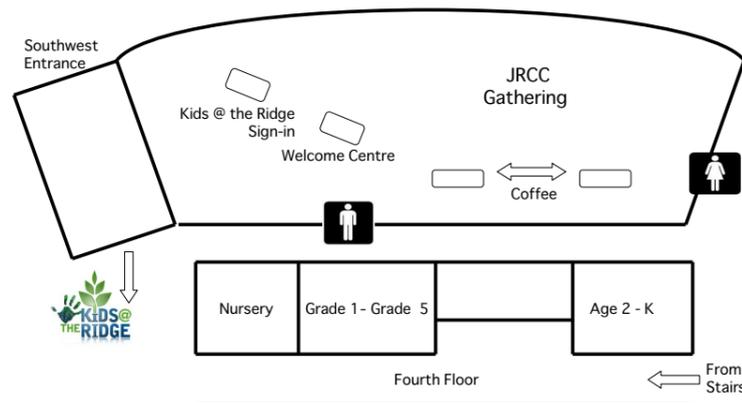
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