Main Street Church - Life Group Guide



Series: *Hills We Die On*
Title: *We're Relentless With Truth & Grace*
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Life Group Connection

1. **As we cross the halfway point of November, how are you, really?**
   On a scale of 1-10 (poor-amazing), how are you in these areas of life this week?
   - *Physical Health* - *Mental Health* - *Spiritual Health*

2. **Share a *Blessing* and a *Battle* from your life this past week.**

3. **Read John 1:1-14 and Open in Prayer.**

Life Group Discussion

1. **What's your typical conflict character?**
   What's your instinct when a conversation gets tense — *do you jump in and say what needs to be said, try to smooth things over, or suddenly remember something you left in the car*?
   How has that instinct helped or hurt a relationship?

2. **"*We are relentless with truth and grace.***
   ***We teach the hard truths of Jesus and embody the deep grace of Jesus.*"**
   Why is this value important for Main Street?
   Which part comes more naturally to you - *truth or grace*?
   How are you growing in *truth*? How are you growing in *grace*?

3. **John describes Jesus as "*full of grace and truth*" in John 1:14.**
   Think of a time someone told you a hard truth in a way that actually helped you.
   What did they say or do that made it possible for you to hear them?

4. **Caught by Grace & Truth - Read John 8:1-11.**
    a. **How do you see the truth and grace of Jesus in this story?**
    The accusers wanted Jesus to deal with the woman, but His answer made them examine themselves. When you're sure somebody else is in the wrong, what questions could you ask yourself before you speak?
    b. **Jesus gave the accusers room to walk away and gave the woman room to speak.**
    What do those two choices show you about how He treated people?
    What might that change about how you handle a tense conversation?
    c. **"*Neither do I condemn you*" comes before "*Go now and leave your life of sin.*"**
    Why does that order matter?
    Which sentence do you most need to hear from Jesus right now?

5. **What conviction do you need to settle before you're under pressure to compromise it?**
    Pick a real situation you might face at work, at home, or with friends.
    What could you actually say in that moment that would be both clear and gracious?

6. **Jesus warned that following Him could bring rejection, and He taught us to pray for those who mistreat us** (John 15:18–20, Matthew 5:44).
    When someone mocks your faith or misrepresents what you said, how can you tell whether your response is meant to clear things up or get even?

7. **What happens the day after a hard conversation?**
    Think of someone who disagrees with you. What could you do that would show you still care about them? If you spoke harshly, what would a specific apology sound like?

8. **Who's "*your person*," and what's your next step?** Is there a conversation to start, an apology to make, someone to pray for by name, or a change you need to make yourself? Share what you're comfortable sharing, then pray for one another to follow through this week.

Life Group Prayer

1. **In response to the grace and truth of Jesus in our lives, how can we pray for you today?**
    - Pray for one another.

2. **Who is one person in your life who we can pray to experience the grace and truth of Jesus?**
    - Pray for them together.