

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **#HASHTAG** Message: **Part 6 - #FOLLOWME**

October 22, 2017



Connect & Check-In (20min)

*Welcome & Opening Prayer

> Invite 1 Group Member to open in Prayer.

*ICEBREAKER – Super-Hero Culture.

> Did you have a favorite Super-Hero during your childhood? Which Hero & why?

> Which of the recent surge of Super-Hero movies has been your favorite?

(Avengers, Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman, X-MEN, Guardians of the Galaxy...)

*NEW GROUPS

> Have 1-2 people share Their Story with the Group (5-7min version).

:: Where you were born, grew-up, your family, schooling/work, interests/hobbies and personal-faith journey...

CHECK-IN – A regular part of Life Group Discussion.

***1 Thessalonians 5:11** instructs Christ-Followers to *encourage one another & build one another up*.

: One of the ways we can do this in Life Group is by encouraging one another in our personal/devoted time with God.

- sharing our ideas, experiences & struggles from this area of lives.

: This is an opportunity for 1-2 different people each week to share a bit from their journey with God between Sundays.

> what are you reading, studying/journaling & praying about in your personal time with God?

: This component of Life Group is for encouragement & accountability, not competition or comparison.

***Would 1-2 people be willing to share 1 thing they've learned/experienced with God this past week?**

Sunday Message Feedback (40min)

***Speaker:** Pastor Shawn Vandop.

1. Who Do Ya Follow: Who are some people that you are tend to follow and keep tabs on?

(i.e. a celebrity, athlete, author/blog, an event, a band, etc.). Talk about why you follow what you shared?

2. Sunday Message Feedback

What is 1 thing that impacted you from Sunday's Message? **#FOLLOWME**

3. Following Jesus: Assign the following Scriptures to people in your group and have them read them:

[Matthew 4:19](#)

[Mark 1:17](#)

[Mark 10:21](#)

[Luke 5:27](#)

[Luke 18:22](#)

[John 1:43](#)

***If someone asked you to explain what it means to follow Jesus what would you tell them?** Discuss.

4. a. Did your answers and discussion for question 3 lead you to define 'following Jesus' as a list of things you should or shouldn't do **or** did it lead you towards knowing Jesus personally/relationally? Explain.

b. Do you tend to define following Jesus for what you get or for who He is, or is it both? Discuss.

5. Faulty Followers

Have you ever realized that in order to be a follower of Jesus you have to be sinful and messed up? [Mark 2:17](#)

How does that understanding change your view of following Jesus?

6. Read [John 6:47-66](#)

Are there things Jesus said or did that offend you or that used to offend you? Explain.

7. Have you ever felt like **UNFOLLOWING** Jesus? Share.

a. Pastor Shawn talked about how there will be times when a follower of Jesus will want to UNFOLLOW Him.

He used the examples of (times of transition, relationships, tough or hard times and doubts).

Have any of these examples been true in your own life?

8. Read [Matthew 16:24](#)

a. When has Following Jesus 'cost you something'?

b. Has following Jesus ever been inconvenient or embarrassing to you? How did respond or work through that?

9. Read [John 6:67-69](#)

a. How does Peter's question to Jesus help clarify your commitment to follow Him in times of trouble, transition or temptation?

b. When we are tempted to UNFOLLOW Jesus, Pastor Shawn challenged us to ask this question:

"If not Jesus, then who? If not Christianity, then what?" - Do you think if we really considered these options when tempted to UNFOLLOW Jesus we would hold to Him more tightly? Share your thoughts.

Application & Prayer (20min)

ASK: *Is anyone struggling with following Jesus right now?*

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PRAY: Pray for each person after they share their struggle.

ASK: Is there anything our group can do to help you stay connected to Jesus?

Challenge your group to memorize the following verse and words of Peter:

"We believe, and we know you are the Holy one of God." - [John 6:69](#)

Bonus Resources (click the links below)

Scripture: http://www.openbible.info/topics/follow_jesus

Book: [The Cost of Discipleship](#) – by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. [Follow Me: A Call to Die. A Call to Live.](#) – by David Platt.

Announcements

OUR NEXT LIFE GROUP MTG

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____ SNACK: _____

.CHRISTMAS HOPE Campaign

*THANK YOU! We have received over \$40,000 so far. We are receiving donations until the end of October.

Our goal for our CHRISTMAS HOPE Campaign (formerly *Hunger to Hope Campaign*) is to raise \$50,000!

*\$30,000 to provide 100 Hampers to families in need in our community.

*\$20,000 to provide special support-gifts to local agencies (schools, Christian ministries)

MAIN STREET WOMEN: Mentoring Workshop

Sat. October 28. 9am-4pm (Lunch & Refreshments inc.). Main Street Chapel/Hall/Cafe.

*Guest Speakers: Ann Griffiths & Donna Inglis.

*Cost: \$35 *Register at Guest Services or through the Church Office.

PRAYER SUMMIT

Sun. October 29. 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Chapel.

*Worship-Prayer-Communion

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. November 19. Both Morning Services.

*Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism