

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **#HASHTAG** Message: **Part 2 – Jesus #UnFiltered**  
September 24, 2017



## Connect & Check-In (20min)

### \*Welcome & Opening Prayer (LEADER)

- > THANK God for your Group & the opportunity to connect and grow together this year.
- > INVITE the Holy Spirit to empower and guide you as a Group.  
(next week - begin to have different group members open in prayer)

### \*ICEBREAKER

- > Share 1 favorite thing about the Fall/Autumn season. [pumpkin-spice, colours, thanksgiving, sweaters, sports...]
- > Share 1 thing we don't know about you yet. [something unique, surprising, interesting, funny...]

### \*NEW GROUPS

- > Have 1-2 people share Their Story with the Group (5-7min version).  
(Leaders - share first to set the example. Keep stories concise and focused.)  
:: Where you were born, grew-up, your family, schooling/work, interests/hobbies and personal-faith journey...

## Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

\*Speaker: Pastor Shawn Vandop

### 1. Sunday Message Recap

If you caught Sunday's Message, what is 1 thing that impacted you the most?

- 2. a. Do you use *Instagram* or other Social Media? Which social-media...? What is 1 reason you use it?
- b. If you use *Instagram* - What is your favorite Instagram Filter? Why?  
Have you ever hash tagged #nofilter and then used a filter?

### 3. A Life Changing Encounter

Have you ever met someone who completely changed your life? What is 1 example of how you changed?

READ [Luke 19:1-10](#) – Jesus & Zacchaeus.

- Why or How did Zacchaeus change?

### 4. A Fresh Filter - The crowd saw Zacchaeus as a sinner, but Jesus saw him as a son of Abraham.

- a. What are some of the filters that keep us from seeing people as sons and daughters of God?
- b. What are some things that have kept you from seeing Jesus clearly in your life?
- c. How has your view of Jesus changed as you have grown in your relationship with Him? Discuss.

### 5. Putting the Cart Before the Horse

Why/How do we often expect people to change before they decide to follow Jesus Christ?

- like 'fixing one's car before bringing it to the Mechanic.'
- like 'getting better before seeing the Doctor.'

6. In your interactions with non-Christians, do you typically expect or push for change before they've actually committed to following God? Why or why not?
7. How does the Church do at allowing and assisting others to change after they've decided to follow Christ? Share a few specific ways the Church can improve in this area (of Discipleship).

## 8. Wholeness IN Christ

\*our **VISION** at Main Street Church is: *we exist to connect spiritually seeking people with the truth and love God and to equip them to become whole-life followers of Jesus Christ.*

\*our **MISSION** is: *helping people discover wholeness IN Christ.*

- Can we change people the way JESUS did? Why or why not?
- How can we lead people to a 'clearer view' of who Jesus is?
- What are some practical things you can do to help others begin to see Jesus clearly?

## 9. LOVE Changes Things

\* **READ** [2 Corinthians 5:13-21](#) - #NewCreation

*"God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way.  
He wants you to be Just Like Jesus!"* – Max Lucado.

\***The love of Jesus accepts people as they are, but doesn't let them stay that way.**

> How does this idea (filter) impact your interactions with people?

## Application & Prayer (20min)

\* **#ChangeMeLord**

Take 1min to quietly consider (ask Jesus) *what is 1 specific area in my life that I need Jesus to change in me?*  
If appropriate, share with the group (concisely & specifically). Eg. *I need to Jesus to help me change in \_\_\_\_\_.*

\* **#PRAY** - [you can pray for the person on your right, or break into groups of 3-4, or men & women]

> Pray for one another in the specific areas of *Change* that were shared.

> Pray that we grow in love and patience to help people find their way to God  
so that they can be changed by the Holy Spirit.

\* **BONUS:** On your own this week.

**Bonus Scripture:** Read through the book of [Ephesians](#) this week. (Journal/Pray through 1 chapter each day)

**Bonus Book:** Pick up a copy of Max Lucado's book [Just Like Jesus](#). (on Amazon.ca & in Christian bookstores)

## Announcements

### OUR NEXT LIFE GROUP MTG

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is on for SNACK!

### PARTNERSHIP Class

Sun. October 1. 6pm-8pm. Main Street Chapel. [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership)

### THANKSGIVING Special Offering: CHRISTMAS HOPE Campaign

Sun. October 8. Both Services.

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)

### SET FREE Retreat

October 20-21 (Fri. evening & all-day Saturday). Main Street Chapel. [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free)

\*We encourage everyone to do a Set Free Retreat every couple of years, so go again if it's been awhile.