

CLOSING CREDITS

TODAY'S TEXT  [Romans 16:1-16, 21-27](#)

ROMANS REFRESH:

Lessons from the Closing Credits:

1. Following Jesus is a _____!

*"If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it,
and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad."*

-1 Corinthians 12:26

2. Following Jesus means you have a _____ on the team.

Two Questions:

1. Do you _____ Jesus?

2. How are you _____ Him?

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: ROMANS: Best News Ever

Message: Part 24 – Closing Credits

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

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Connect (30min)

1. GROUP LIFE (15min)

- a. **Share 1 Highlight from the month of April and 1 Opportunity ahead for you in the month of May.**
- b. **Discuss your plans for *Life Group* in this May-June season.** This is a good time to begin discussing the upcoming summer break, and potential options for your group in September. There is growing need for more *Life Groups* as our church grows and people seek to be more connected and invested. Consider Multiplication -- Are there group members who could lead this group or another new group?
> [Pastor Gord Fleming](#) and [Janine Taekema](#) would love to connect with you!

2. P.R.A.Y. (15min)

If we pray, we will believe; If we believe, we will love; If we love, we will serve. – Mother Teresa

📖 **Read [Philippians 2:1-18](#).** Share the reading of this scripture as a group & use it as a guide for prayer.

🙏 **Pray** – Take 10min to P.R.A.Y. together. Leader – time & transition to each component.

-- Pause (be still & listen. 2min)

-- Rejoice & Reflect (praise & thanks. 2min.),

-- Ask (invite & request 4min.)

-- Yield (surrender & trust. 2min)

Message Discussion (45min)

1. MESSAGE FEEDBACK 📖 Share the reading of [Romans 16](#) together.

- a. **What is one thing you learned from Romans 16 and Sunday's message?**
What encouraged or challenged you?
- b. **Shawn concluded our series in the *Book of Romans* – [Best News Ever!](#)**
 - i. Did you read or listen through the entire *Book of Romans* during this series?
 - ii. Thinking back over *Romans* and our teaching series...
what are a couple of things that you've learned that have impacted your faith and living? Share

2. BE BOLD IN SERVICE 🙏. Pick up a copy of MAY's Prayer Focus brochure at church.

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love must be put into action, and that action is service.

The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action. – Mother Teresa

📖 **Read [Joshua 22:5](#); [Mark 9:35, 10:45](#); [Romans 12:11](#); [Galatians 5:13](#); [1 Peter 4:10](#)**

- a. Based on what you know of Jesus' life and teaching, what do you learn about *service* from Him?
- b. How has *the service of others* impacted your life and faith? Share one or two examples.
- c. How has *servicing others* impacted your life and faith? Share one or two examples.

3. TEAM UP 🗨️ 🗨️

- a. What are your two *favorite sports* to play &/or watch?
- b. Would you rather play a *team sport* or a *solo sport*? Why?
- c. 📖 Read [1 Corinthians 12:4-27](#).

The body of Christ is made up of a unique group of people, and their God-given assignments on the team can make life exciting. At times however, the variation in our strengths and abilities can result in some misunderstandings. How does [1 Corinthians 12:4-27](#) help us appreciate the differences in our roles and clarify there are no “small parts” on God’s Team?

4. PEP TALK 🏆

Most of us wouldn’t want to be known as the person that sat on the bench, unwilling to get in the game and join the team in making a difference when we had the opportunity. Yet, we all know that staying motivated to serve others and playing our role can be difficult at times.

How might the following verses help us stay motivated and keep a vision of making a difference?

- a. [Ephesians 2:10](#)
- b. [Ephesians 6:7-8](#)
- c. [Matthew 25:37-46](#)
- d. [1 Thessalonians 5:12-15](#)

5. Shawn mentioned in this week’s teaching that all too often we trip up in thinking that Christianity is just about “**God and me.**” We forget that regular connection with believers is essential to tuning into and being led by the Holy Spirit. How does [Hebrews 10:24-25](#) describe and emphasize this point? (**Read & Discuss**).

*Connections like *Life Groups & Serving* usually don’t happen by accident and need to be intentional. Are there any steps you need to take to make better connections with other believers?

Application & Prayer (15min)

*If everyone gave and served and prayed exactly like you, would the church be healthy and empowered?
Or would it be weak and listless?*

Most of us use ‘I’m waiting for God to reveal His calling on my life’ as a means of avoiding action.

Did you hear God calling you to sit in front of the television yesterday? Or to go on your last vacation?

Or exercise this morning? Probably not, but you still did it. The point isn’t that vacation or exercise are wrong, but that we are quick to rationalize our entertainment and priorities yet are slow to commit to serving God.

— Francis Chan

• **Thank You for Serving!**

Are you currently serving with the Team at Main Street Church? Briefly share your experience.

If not, where do you think, you would like to serve? What’s your next step towards serving?

- Make a commitment that you will continue to stay connected with others and use your gifts on the Team to serve others and God. Commit to holding one another accountable in service.
- 🙏 In response to our sharing and discussion, how can we **Pray** for you and one another?