

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **ROOTS** :: Part 6 – Godly Living. February 21, 2016



Welcome & Prayer

* Holy, Holy, Holy are You Lord Almighty, the whole earthy is full of Your Glory. There is no one and nothing as great and holy as You. You are Awesome God! You are the standard! Thank you for loving us, thank you for saving us from our un-holiness and calling us to live in a new and holy way. Holy Spirit, we need You and we invite You to teach us, train us and transform us. Not our will, but yours be done. Amen.

Connect

A Few of My Favorite Things

- *What are 1-2 items/possessions in your home that you would consider to be 'set apart' from other things, even things that are similar to them. (something that has really special purpose, meaning & value for you)
- *What is 1 relationship in your life that you would consider to be 'set apart' from other relationships?
 - > What makes that possession & this relationship special or set-apart?
 - > How do you identify them as special in your life, and to others?

Check In

*Aside from Church on Sunday or Life Group, **what is one way in which you encountered God in your personal life this past week? How did He encourage, challenge or amaze you?**

Sunday Message Feedback

***What jumped out at you or impacted you from Sunday's message?** (with Pastor Mike)

1. When someone says, "**he/she is a godly person...**," what do you think they usually mean?
 - : Quickly List a few key characteristics that you think describe/define a godly person?
 - : How/Where did we come up with this criteria?

2. **So how do we live a Godly life?** (this is a big question)

READ 2 Peter 1:5-7 & 1 Peter 1:13-16 - Focus on Godliness

Let's face it, living a godly life is not EASY or POPULAR in today's world—but it is possible.

Not only is it possible to live a godly life but God actually expects it to develop in us

– **New Life** (2 Corinthians 5:17) & **Transformation** (Romans 12:2) become hallmarks of those who have been saved by God and are following the leadership of Jesus in their daily lives.

- **Our Example** - It is a wondrous mystery & truth, that Jesus is fully Human & fully God.

He represents God perfectly (Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9) - because He is God, and He also models for us a new way (godly way) to be human (Romans 5:12-21; Heb. 4:15), and holy...as He is holy.

***What made it possible for JESUS to live a holy-human life in an un-holy world?**

(Perfect relationship with the Father & Holy Spirit...)

***How did He do it? How can/does He help us?** (eg. Romans 5:1-5)

(Grace & Forgiveness, Presence & Power of His Holy Spirit, Truth of His Word/Bible, Strength of Community...)

READ Psalm 145:8-9 & Lamentations 3:22-24

*How does the character & presence of God, highlighted in these verses, help/encourage us?

How would you describe the difference between Religious & Relational Christianity?

eg. **Trying to be holy so God chooses me or loves me more...**

vs Being holy because God already loves & chose me.

3. HOLY MOLY! What does the word HOLY mean?

*God's Moral perfection, separated from evil and distinctive in character;
devoted to the service of God.*

Pastor Mike said, **'When I hear this definition I think of two words – 'Set Apart''**

: To be **set apart!** To have a love & hunger for the things of God and to walk in the ways of God.
(To be different than the way I was or could be, different than the world, a light in a dark world)

(Quote by D.L. Moody)

"A holy Life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns they just SHINE!"

4. Train Ourselves to be Godly.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

⁷ Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, **train yourself to be godly.** ⁸ "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

A godly person should train in & represent Godly Characteristics:

Examples -- Being Devoted to God, and Showing...

Humility - To humble ourselves before God

Forgiveness - Because God has forgiven us, over and over again.

Graciousness - through God's Grace we have been saved

Unconditional Love - **READ John 15:12** - Jesus said, Love each other as I have Loved you.

What are few practical/applicable ways that we can train ourselves & encourage one another in Godliness/Holiness? Which 1 connects the most with your journey this week?

Application & Prayer

* **READ 1 John 2:6** - A reminder to train & do my best to live as Jesus lived, to Live a Godly Life.

***What is one area of godly training (holiness) that we can PRAY about for you this week?**

Coming Up at Main Street Church

*Prayer Summit

Sunday, February 28th. 6pm – Main Street Auditorium.

Join us as a Group, for Worship – Prayer – Communion

*PARTNERSHIP CLASS

This is first of what will likely be quarterly Partnership Classes – designed and provided specifically for people in our church who are interested in learning about what Church Partnership (membership) means at Main Street, and are considering making the commitment to partner/invest with us. Attending a Next Steps event is a prerequisite. We have reduced the content/focus on Partnership at Next Steps but will promote & invite guests there to attend the next Partnership Class.

*Partnership is required for those who wish to serve in leading/teaching roles at Main Street Church (eg. Life Group Leaders, Worship Team, Leadership Team, primary Youth & Kids Leaders...)

*Those who are already Partners are not required to attend, but welcome to attend (including Life Group Leaders).

*Pastor Shawn leads/teaches this class. *Refreshments & Childcare are provided.

*Please RSVP with the Program Insert from Sunday, or through the Office.

Date: Sunday, March 6. 6pm-8pm. Main Street Café & Hall.

*Baptism Celebration

Sunday, April 3rd. 6pm – Main Street Auditorium.

? Does anyone need to be Baptized ?

Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

*Set Free Retreat (formerly **Encounter God**)

Fri/Sat, April 8/9. Main Street Chapel.

! Share your experience & encourage others to register & attend !

Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free