Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Make Me An Offering

Message: Part 2 - How Do I Turn Everyday Life into Worship? (Grain Offering)

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Connect (25min)

1. EXTRA-ORDINARY

- What is an interest or activity that others may find "ordinary" but you find "extraordinary"?
- Share a High (Blessing) and a Low (Battle) from this past week in your life.

2. TAKE 5

- Read Mark 12:28-31.
 - "We should know and celebrate God with our whole person!" Craig S. Keener
- Take a few minutes to open with praise to God and pray for one another.

Message Discussion (50min)

1. UNDERSTANDING LEVITICUS

- Leviticus often feels strange or outdated. How does understanding the three categories of laws (civil, ceremonial, moral) help us make sense of why some apply today and others don't?
 - > Civil laws governed Israel as a nation-state. Not binding today.
 - > Ceremonial laws (sacrifices, purity rituals) pointed to Christ and were fulfilled in Him.
 - > Moral laws reflect God's eternal character (truth, sexuality, justice) and still apply.
- How does this framework help you answer skeptics who accuse Christians of "picking and choosing"?
- Read Matthew 5:17–18; Hebrews 10:1–14.

Why is it important that Jesus both affirmed the moral law and fulfilled the ceremonial law?

2. BREAD AS LIFE

- In the ancient world, bread was survival. Why do you think God chose something as ordinary and essential as bread to teach His people about gratitude and dependence?
 - > Bread was daily sustenance → "Give us this day our daily bread."
 - > God wanted worship tied to the ordinary, not just the extraordinary.
 - > Teaching point: We meet God in daily dependence, not occasional big moments.
- Read Exodus 16:4; Matthew 6:11.
- What are some "ordinary" things today God might use to teach us dependence?
- Share a time when God met you in a very ordinary part of life.

3. THE GRAIN OFFERING

- What details of the grain offering (fine flour, oil, frankincense, salt, no yeast) stood out to you? How do they each point us toward Jesus?
 - > Fine flour \rightarrow Jesus' purity, "crushed for our iniquities" (Isaiah 53:5). > Oil \rightarrow anointing of the Spirit.
 - > Frankincense \rightarrow His life a pleasing aroma to God. > Salt \rightarrow covenant faithfulness, permanence.
 - > No yeast \rightarrow sinlessness.
- Which detail most strengthens your faith in Jesus today, and how can this enrich your communion experience?
- Read Isaiah 53:5; Ephesians 5:2; 2 Corinthians 5:21.

4. OUR DEEPEST HUNGER

- We all hunger for meaning, love, and security. What are some "empty breads" (things that temporarily satisfy but don't last) that people in our culture—or even you personally—are tempted to feed on instead of Christ?
 - > Examples: career, money, relationships, entertainment, success, approval.
 - > They fill for a while but leave us hungry again—like "Chinese food."
 - > Jesus offers lasting satisfaction.
- Which "empty bread" do you struggle with most?
- Image: Read Isaiah 55:2; John 4:13–14. How has Jesus shown Himself as the only One who truly satisfies?

5. GRATITUDE IN THE ORDINARY

- The grain offering was about everyday bread, not rare feasts. How can we learn to turn daily tasks—work, parenting, chores, meals—into moments of gratitude and worship?
 - > Gratitude transforms ordinary into worship. "Do everything in the name of Jesus" (Col. 3:17).
- Read Colossians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:31.
- What's one "ordinary" thing you could reframe as worship this week?
- How might gratitude change your outlook on mundane routines?

6. OFFERING OURSELVES

- Romans 12:1 calls us to offer our lives as living sacrifices. In what ways can your life—your time, talents, career, relationships—become a "grain offering" of gratitude to God?
 - > Jesus is the Bread offered for us \rightarrow now we offer ourselves.
 - > Application: time, gifts, family, work, finances.
 - > Worship is whole-life, not compartmentalized.
- **Read Romans 12:1–2; Philippians 2:17**. What part of your life feels easiest to offer God? Hardest?
- How does seeing your life as an offering change your perspective on success?

Reflection & Prayer (15min)

THE TRUST CHALLENGE

- What is an area of your life that you find hard to surrender, and what step of trust might God be asking you to take this week?
 - > From theory to practice, with small steps of obedience, surrender, honesty and courage.

PRAYER

*Break into groups of 3-4, or men & women, to enhance sharing and prayer participation.

Pray for One Another

In response to our sharing and discussion, how can we pray for you this week? Share & Pray for one another.

Pray for Others

Who is one person in your life that we can pray for together?

Share their needs & Pray for them together.

• Join us for the *Prayer Summit* on Sunday, September 28 – for worship, prayer and communion.