

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: **THINGS WE WISH JESUS NEVER SAID – Part 4**

June 2, 2019



Connect (20min)

*For these 3 opening points break into groups of 3-4 people, or Men & Women.

1. ICEBREAKER Q?

- What is 1 Thing you are looking forward to in the month of June?
- What is your favorite flavour of Ice Cream? Your 1st choice from the BBQ: *Burger, Hot Dog, Chicken, Steak, Salmon?*
- Which song has been played the most on your stereo (or music device) this past week?
- If you could live in any decade from the 20th Century which one would you choose, and why? (1910s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s or 90s) & Which would be your 2nd choice?

2. What have you been focusing on in your Bible reading & prayer (personal devotions) this past week?

What is one thing you were encouraged or challenged by in that time?

What are your devotion/reading plans for June?

3. Read [1 Chronicles 29:11-13](#), then take a couple minutes as a group to respond with praise and thanks to God.

Sunday Message Feedback (40min)

*Speaker: Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor.

1. What is one of the most valuable things you've ever owned?

2. When you hear the word "sacrifice" what come to mind? In which areas of your life would you use this word?

3. The Rich Man & Jesus

Read [Mark 10:17-31](#) &/or Watch this passage on [The Lumo Project](#) (YouTube Channel): <https://youtu.be/HO7Ln9sSzAA?t=129>

*Note: This story is also recorded in [Matthew 16:19-30](#) & [Luke 18:18-30](#).

- What is your initial reaction or response to this story? What encourages or challenges you?
- What do you learn about Jesus? What do we learn about ourselves?

4. One Question for Jesus: The rich young man in this story had an opportunity to ask Jesus a question; perhaps it was the only opportunity he had to interact with Jesus like that. He asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

a. What do you think of his question?

For someone who seemed to have a successful life why would he even ask this question? Do you find Jesus response odd? Why would he not speak of grace or faith, but instead goes directly to the man's wealth?

b. If you were a part of the crowd that day and had an opportunity to interact with Jesus face to face, which question would you ask?

c. Read [Mark 10:21](#) – how does Mark describe Jesus in his interaction with the rich man? His approach & motive...

d. If someone asked you, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" or "Then who in the world can be saved?" – how would you respond?

5. Confronting Culture

- a. How was Jesus' teaching challenging in that day, and in our culture today?
- b. Which issues/sin was Jesus addressing in this man's faith & life?

6. "Follow Me"

- a. Do ever find it difficult to follow a Leader? Share a few reasons why we may struggle to follow leadership.
- b. Do you think if the Rich Young Man was a part of your Life Group he would be considered "*a good Christian*"?
- c. When Jesus tells the man about the "one thing" he still lacks, He tells him to sell everything, give the proceeds away to the poor and then to come follow Him. Do you think the "one thing" is more related to the "selling and giving", or is it more related to "following?" Discuss.

7. Changed by the Challenge - It's still true, that Jesus loves each of us enough to point out where we're missing it.

- a. Share with your Group how has Jesus identified/addressed your issue, and later on you recognized His love in it?
- b. If the Rich Young Man had listened to Jesus, how do you think his life would have changed?
What would he have lost and what would he have gained?
- c. How might being 'comfortable' while walking in relationship with God cause us to fall short?
Can we be 'comfortable' and still follow Jesus? What should we do about it?
- d. When it comes to your life - do you lean towards trying to "LEAD JESUS" or would you consider yourself someone who is truly "FOLLOWING JESUS?" Explain/discuss.
- e. Jesus assures his disciples that they will be compensated for everything they have given up to follow Him.
What do you think he means when he talks about receiving many times as much in this *present age*?
Are there different kinds of *homes, families & fields*?
- f. So - Why is sacrifice so important to following Jesus and experiencing abundant life right now?

Application & Prayer (20min)

***Identify:** Which areas of your life do you struggle to give completely to God; to his rule, being fully dependent on Him?
>> Share with the group & pray for one another.

***In Response to our Study/Discussion – how can we Pray for you today?**

> *healing, provision, protection, power, personal transformation, accountability, evangelistic opportunities...*

Resources to Consider

<http://www.openbible.info/topics/sacrifice> <http://www.openbible.info/topics/greed>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/living-sacrifice.html>

The Bible Project : Overview : Mark (YouTube)

How Good is Good Enough?, Andy Stanley (Book)

The Lumo Project (YouTube Channel): <https://youtu.be/HO7Ln9sSzAA?t=129>

Announcements

OUR NEXT LG MEETING: Date/Time/Location & Snack

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Wed. June 5. 7pm – Auditorium. Everyone is welcome & Partners are encouraged to attend. *No Childcare provided.

PARTNERSHIP CLASS

Sun. June 9. 6pm-8pm – Main Street Chapel. Childcare provided. <https://mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership>

MAIN STREET MEN – MAN DAY at Kawkawa Camp

Sat. June 15. A full day of fun activities, connecting, food and encouragement at Camp Kawkawa (near Hope). \$55. Please register on our website/app under [events](#). Please pay at Guest Services or the Church Office.

PRAYER SUMMIT

Sun. June 30. 6pm-7:30pm. Prayer Walk followed by Ice Cream Sundaes at the Church.

*This is our last Summit until September 29th.

SUMMER CONNECT GROUP

Wednesdays. July 31-August 28. 7pm-8:30pm – Main Street Café. Drop-In Group. Leader: Eryn Moore

SUMMER SERVE

The Summer Season (July/Aug) is a great time to try out some serving areas and help great ministry continue at Main Street Church. Many of our Sunday volunteers (in Kids or Frontlines) have holidays planned, so there are spots available for new volunteers to step in to help and experience the joy of serving. If you are interested in serving in a new or different area this summer (even for a Sunday or two) please contact these ministry staff for more information.



*Note: *Serving in Kids/Youth Ministry requires a Criminal Record Check (free through our office).*

Nursery & Tykes (Infant-Kindergarten): Shannon Hawkins – shannon@mainstreetchurch.ca

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Party in the Park Crew (Fridays in July): Chris Sloan – chrissloan@mainstreetchurch.ca

Frontlines (Hosts, Ushers, Coffee/Café/Hospitality, Patrol, Guest Services): Chris Sloan - chrissloan@mainstreetchurch.ca

*For info on other Serving Areas please contact Pastor Eryn – eryn@mainstreetchurch.ca