

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **ROOTS** :: **Part 1 – Killing the Gorilla. January 17, 2016**



Welcome & Prayer

JESUS – You are the Living God! You came to seek & save the lost, out of darkness, into freedom and light. You want us to grow. Help us to receive and apply your salvation by living out the NEW identity you’ve given to us. Holy Spirit, please fill us, teach us and change us as we connect together. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Connect

:: If you had to live in any other era/culture of history, before 1990, based on the fashion...which would you choose and why?

(eg. garden of eden, ancient Egyptian/Greek/Roman, Medieval, Renaissance, Victorian, Wild West, 1920’s, 1970’s...)

Check In

:: How is your **Pray First prayer & fasting journey going?**

*What has challenged, encouraged, surprised or changed you the most...?

Sunday Message Feedback

1. Growing up, did you tend to be someone who was on the cutting edge of the current fashion trend, a play-it-safe, follow-the-crowd adopter, a conscious fashion rebel or someone who always seemed to be a bit out of sync with what was popular? _____

*What was your favorite fashion item/trend of your teen years? _____

*What was the worst fashion item/trend of your teen years? _____

Do you tend to embrace change or fight change? Discuss.

2. Read Colossians 3:1-17 and 2 Peter 1:3-11

What jumps out at you from these verses? Does anything get your attention? Share.

The Scriptures you just read speak to how God wants to change things on the inside and the outside of our lives.

*How do we invite and embrace these changes without becoming legalistic?

3. We heard this weekend that when we commit to following Christ, we need to put to death the desires and actions belonging to our old, earthly nature. Read Romans 6:11-14.

*How does this passage clarify or add to what Shawn shared about how we can “starve the Enemy and feed the Spirit”?

4. Shawn pointed out that a huge motivation for change is the fact that we are new people in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:16-17) and that we have been given “great and precious promises” that enable us to live like Jesus.

Read **Ephesians 1:3-8** and then make a list of the things that are true of a follower of Christ that this passage shows us. (There are 12+)

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5. *In what ways could the things on your list serve to motivate you to put to death the desires and actions of your old self?

*How could these steps help you become more rooted in your faith?

Application & Prayer

*Can you think of anyone you know who has done a good job of fighting a “six-hundred-pound gorilla” in their lives? (*please, don't mention their names*)

*What have you noticed that they have done to help themselves in this battle?

- What is the gorilla in your life that needs to be killed? What do you need to “get rid” of?
- What steps can you take to begin to starve the enemy and feed the Spirit?
(list tangible steps/actions you can take and be held accountable for)

*Break into Groups of 3-4 and **PRAY** for each other.

Coming Up at Main Street Church

*PRAY FIRST PRAYER SUMMIT CELEBRATION

We encourage & challenge every Life Group to meet together at the next Prayer Summit!

Let's fill the auditorium praise & worship as we celebrate what God has done and will continue to do through our 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting (PRAY FIRST). Rally your Group to be there with you.

Sunday, January 31. 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Auditorium. *Includes Kids Summit (Age 2+).

*ALPHA Course

Begins Wed. February 3rd. 8 Wednesdays (7pm-8:30pm) + 1 Saturday. Main Street Chapel.

Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/alpha

*Fresh Start

Our six-week Finance Course. **Begins Wed. February 3rd.** 6 Wednesdays (7pm-8:30pm).

Main Street Conference Rm. A. Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/fresh-start

*Baptism Celebration

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

? Does anyone in your Group need to be Baptized ?

Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism