

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Living Proof - How Real Faith Shows Up In Real Life. 1-2-3 John.

Message 8: Jesus the Destroyer - 1 John 3:1-10

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Connect (25min)

1. Father's Day Reflections

- How has your relationship with your earthly father influenced your life and relationship with your Heavenly Father?
(Understanding that *father blessings and wounds* are real and deep for people)
- For those of you who are fathers, how has this reality influenced your life and relationship with your Heavenly Father?

Message Discussion (50min)

Read [1 John 3:1-10](#) and open discussion time in Prayer.

How are you encouraged and challenged by this passage? What stands out to you and why?

1. When you hear the title "Jesus the Destroyer," what is your first reaction?

Why do you think we are comfortable with Jesus as healer, saviour, and friend — but less comfortable with Jesus as the one who destroys?

2. Read 1 John 3:1.

"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!"

Why do you think John reminds believers of their identity before talking about their behaviour?
What changes when we live **from acceptance** instead of **for acceptance**?

3. Pastor Shawn said:

"Jesus did not come to destroy you. Jesus came to destroy everything that is destroying you."

What are some things people hold onto that feel like freedom but are actually destroying them?

4. One of the works of the devil is attacking our identity with lies.

What are some common lies people believe about themselves?
How does knowing you are a child of God confront those lies?

5. Read 1 John 3:8 — “The Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.”

Where have you personally seen Jesus bring freedom, healing, or restoration in an area that once controlled you?

6. John teaches that followers of Jesus cannot continue living comfortably in sin.

What is the difference between a Christian who **struggles with sin** and someone who has **made peace with sin**?

7. The message ended with *Three Marks of the New Life*:

- Believe in Jesus → **New Identity**
- Abide in Jesus → **New Desires**
- Live as God’s child → **New Direction**

Which of these three do you sense God inviting you to grow in right now, and what is one practical step you can take this week?

Prayer (15min)

>> Set aside 15min to Pray together as a group. Break into groups of 3-4 people to enhance this time.

1. In response to Sunday’s Scripture and message, how can we pray for you today?

2. Ask Jesus to reveal and destroy anything that is keeping you from experiencing the fullness of your identity as a child of God. *See the list on p.3 - *Your Identity in Christ*.

3. Who is one another person in your life that we can PRAY for together?
>> *Praise - Presence - Purpose - Provision - Pardon - Protection - Identity*
>> Share their name and need and pray for them together.

Your Identity in Christ

I AM ACCEPTED

John 1:12	I am God's child.
John 15:15	I am Christ's Friend.
Romans 5:1	I have been justified by God
1 Cor. 6:17	I am united with the Lord, & I am one spirit with Him.
1 Cor. 12:27	I am a member of Christ's body (The Church)
Ephesians 1:1	I am a Saint.
Ephesians 1:5	I have been adopted as God's child.
Ephesians 2:18	I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.
Colossians 1:14	I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
Colossians 2:10	I am complete in Christ.
Hebrews 4:16	I can find grace and mercy in time of need.

I AM SECURE

Romans 8:1,2	I am free forever from condemnation.
Romans 8:28	I am assured that all things work together for His good.
Romans 8:31	I am free from any condemning charges against me.
Romans 8:35	I cannot be separated from the love of God.
2 Cor.1:21,22	I have been established, anointed, & selected by God.
Colossians 3:3	I am hidden with Christ in God.
Philippians 1:6	I am confident that God will complete His work in me.
2 Timothy 1:7	I have been given a spirit of power, love & a sound mind; not fear.
1 John 5:18	I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me.

I AM SIGNIFICANT

Matt. 5:13,14	I am the salt and light of the earth.
John 15:1,5	I am a branch of the True Vine, a channel of His life.
John 15:16	I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.
Acts 1:8	I am a personal witness ambassador of Christ's.
1 Cor. 3:16	I am God's temple (He live in me).
2 Cor. 5:17	I am a minister of reconciliation for God (a peacemaker).
2 Cor. 6:1	I am God's co-worker (1 Cor.3:9)
Ephesians 3:12	I may approach God with freedom and confidence.
Philippians 4:13	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.