

Main Street Church – Life Group Guide

Title: Celebrate Recovery Sunday

Pastor Dean Orrell and Ty Kennedy

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[John 5:6 \(ESV\) - When Jesus saw him lying there and - Bible App](#)

Life Group Connection

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” – James 5:16 (ESV)

Invite everyone to think about how they typically answer the question, “How are you doing?”

Explain that we often say “good” or “busy” even when there is much more happening inside.

Ask everyone to choose one of these three statements to complete:

- On the surface, I’m...
- Underneath that, I’ve been feeling...
- Something I could use more of in this season is...

Give people a moment to think before sharing. Let everyone share briefly, without interruptions or advice.

Life Group Discussion

As pastor Dean talked about the Pool of Bethesda here is a small video on ‘Water in the Bible’ from Bible Project.

 Why Water Matters in the Bible

- 1) People visited the Pool of Bethesda for all kinds of reasons. What would be yours?
- 2) John 5:6 - The man had been sick for 38 years, and still Jesus asked "Do you want to get well?" Why would a hurting person hesitate to say yes? Why would you?
- 3) John 5:7 - The man answered with excuses and blame and he never actually said yes. What do you tend to blame, or explain away, instead of facing it?
- 4) John 5:7 - The man was surrounded by people and completely alone. Describe a time when you felt that way. What makes it hard for you to let someone into hard places of your life?
- 5) John 5:8 - Jesus didn't tell the man to leave his past (mat) behind. What part of your story is hardest to share?

Life Group Prayer (Read the verse before prayer)

1. Pray for a Community of Love and Acceptance

- Pray that our Life Group and church would be a place where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and loved without having to pretend.
- Ask God to help us honour one another and create an environment of grace and trust.

Read: **Romans 12:10**

2. Pray for Courage to Be Real

- Pray for the courage to be honest about what we are experiencing, including our struggles, fears, and disappointments.
- Ask God to help us listen without judgment and respond with compassion.

Read: **James 5:16**

3. Pray for Strength to Carry One Another's Burdens

- Pray that we would move beyond simply meeting together to genuinely supporting one another through life's challenges.
- Ask God to show us practical ways to encourage, serve, and walk alongside one another.

Read: **Galatians 6:2**

Celebrate Recovery invites you, as a life group, to come and visit on a Monday night! Dinner is served starting at 5pm and our Large Group starts at 6pm. Come and see what this ministry is all about and discover a place where you can find healing!