

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **ROOTS** :: Part 2 – Moral Excellence. January 24, 2016



Welcome & Prayer

* **JESUS** – You are the only ONE who has lived a human life with complete integrity, so you are the best example, standard and hope for us to believe in and follow. Thank you for your grace and love. Please forgive our lack of integrity and hypocrisy, and grow in us a heart and life of greater love and integrity as we follow You. Amen.

Connect

* **Hello My Name Is...** We'll be looking a little at the book/life of Job, who had 3 friends with pretty cool names -- *Eliphaz, Bildad & Zophar*. If you had to rename yourself using only Bible names as your options, which would you choose for yourself? _____ (Even you already have a Bible name, choose a new one)

Check In

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

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

Sunday Message Feedback

***What initially jumped out at you or impacted you from Sunday's message?**

1. How would you describe or define **INTEGRITY** (Moral Excellence)?

2. **READ Psalm 15:1-5**

a. How does this passage of Scripture paint a picture of what a life of integrity looks like?

3. How have you experienced the benefits of integrity in your life? Share.
Have others benefited from your integrity?

Moral Excellence can be defined as your behavior matching your beliefs.

Describe a time when your behavior matched your beliefs? Discuss.

4. **READ Matthew 23:23-32**

a. **The opposite of moral excellence or integrity -- is hypocrisy.**

*How does Jesus deal with the hypocrites in this passage?

b. Would you ever consider yourself a hypocrite? Discuss.

How have you/we addressed our own hypocrisy in the past?

c. Why is it important to avoid being a hypocrite?

What are some consequences of hypocrisy?

5. **READ Job 27:5-6 and Matthew 5:37** (these verses encourage us to maintain our integrity)

NOTE TO LEADER: Here are three links to an overview of the book and life of Job. You may want to read it over as a leader and give your group an overview of Jobs life and all that he went through and how he still maintained his integrity (don't take for granted that everyone in your group knows the story):

- i. <http://biblehub.com/summary/job/1.htm>
 - ii. <http://www.gotquestions.org/Book-of-Job.html>
 - iii. https://youtu.be/xQwnH8th_fs (Video)
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- b. Do you think you could keep your integrity dealing with similar circumstances as Job? Why/Why not?
 - c. Describe a time when you did not act with integrity. What happened?
How would you act differently today?
 - d. How much is your integrity worth to you?
 - e. How does living with moral excellence mature you in your faith and get you more rooted in Christ? Discuss.
 - f. What can you do on a daily basis to develop the forgotten virtue of integrity?
eg. Philippians 4:8

Application & Prayer

* Have your group members write down the following verses or tell them to download this guide off the church APP or website. Use the following verses in your own devotions this week to get a clearer understanding of what the Bible says about integrity and living with moral excellence.

1 Samuel 12:1-5

1 Chronicles 29:17

1 Kings 9:4-10

Nehemiah 7:2

Psalms 25:21; Psalm 51

Proverbs 10:9; 11:3

Luke 6:31

2 Corinthians 1:12

Philippians 4:8

1 Timothy 4:12

Titus 1:8

James 1:22-25

{For more - 100 Bible Verses about Integrity - <http://www.openbible.info/topics/integrity> }

* Have you observed integrity in others? If so, take the time to let someone know how their integrity has impacted you. Talk to this person about how to better maintain integrity in your own life.

* **Give thanks to God** for His grace & mercy, **and Pray** for a growing integrity in one another.

Our next Life Group

* Date/Time/Location: _____

* Snack: _____

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