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## WINNING THE WAR WITH SIN

TODAY'S TEXTS: [Romans 6](#)

*If God loves sinners, why can't I keep sinning?*

### Four Steps to Winning the War with Sin:

- STEP 1: We \_\_\_\_\_
- STEP 2: We \_\_\_\_\_
- STEP 3: We \_\_\_\_\_
- STEP 4: We \_\_\_\_\_

*"Sin is inevitable, but it is never necessary." – John Stott*

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: ROMANS: Best News Ever

Message: Part 10 – Winning The War With Sin

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

Date: December 4, 2022



## Connect (30min)

\*Encourage everyone to participate in the sharing, Bible reading and prayer.

### 1. SHORT STORIES 📖 1 Peter 3:15

*Worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.*

\*Practicing the sharing of **Your Testimony** (faith journey) is helpful in developing readiness, confidence and effectiveness in sharing it with others, inside and outside of Christian community. Your story also brings glory to God and encouragement to others. **Break into groups of 3-4 people (split couples up), and have each person share a 5min or less version of their faith journey.** Share the brief and focused version of your faith journey with Jesus. Set a timer for 5min to help you stay on track. Here are some questions to help guide you:

- When & how did you come to JESUS as your Lord & Savior? Why did you choose to believe & follow Jesus?*
- How has JESUS been changing your life?*
- If you've been Baptized, when & where did that take place, and how did it impact you?*

### 2. OPEN UP

📖 Read [Philippians 2:1-11](#) and have one group member open in prayer as you move into the message discussion.

## Message Discussion (45min)

### 1. BAD HABITS: What's one "Bad Habit" that you've overcome? Or one that you'd like to get rid of?

\*At this point in the discussion we are thinking of light-hearted, mixed-company appropriate kinds of things!

### 2. MESSAGE RECAP: What jumped out at you from this week's message? Was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How can you apply it to your life? Share.

### 3. FOUR STEPS TO VICTORY:

a. What were the four steps Shawn talked about that we can follow to help win the war with sin?

(STEP 1: We **KNOW** - STEP 2: We **CONSIDER** - STEP 3: We **RESIST** - STEP 4: We **REPLACE**)

b. What do you think about these steps, and how have you experience them in your journey?

### 4. 📖 Read [Romans 6](#). Have 4 people share the reading of this chapter for the group.

a. What stands out to you in this chapter of Romans? What do you learn about God/Jesus?

What do you learn about us as humans, and as Christ-followers?

b. Why is Paul spending time teaching that grace is not a license to sin? Why would he choose to highlight this?

c. Have you ever used (or thought of using) grace as a license to sin? How so?

d. What might you say to someone who says that it is no big deal for Christian to sin, since grace will "abound" and cover that sin?

## 5. DEAD & ALIVE

- a. The phrase, “*Died to Sin*,” is very important. What does it mean? How do you die to sin?
- b. What is Jesus’ role in enabling us to die to sin? Discuss the connection (*Abiding in Christ* – [John 15](#))
- c. What does it mean to be united or joined with Jesus,  
and how does being united with Jesus affect our status with sin?

## 6. BAPTISM

- a. Why does Paul refer to Baptism in [Romans 6:3-4](#)? Discuss.  
\*Our next *Baptism Sunday* is January 1<sup>st</sup> (10:45am Service). [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism)
- b. Some *use grace to sin more* but what should grace actually lead us towards? (Becoming like Jesus)
- c. What is the theological word for this? ([Sanctification](#)).
- d. How long does it take to be fully sanctified? (a lifetime) Why is that, and how do you feel about that?

## 7. CONSIDER THIS

- a. What is at stake in your life this week if you consider yourself *alive to sin* and *dead to God*?
- b. What will change in your life this week if you *die to sin* and *live for God*?

## Prayer (15min)

- In response to Roman’s teaching and our discussion together, what is one way that we can pray for you?  
As well, who is one person in your life who we can pray comes to know Jesus as their personal Savior?
- Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men & women) to pray for one another, and other needs that are shared.

## Romans Road

- Continue to read & study through Romans this week.
- Memorize *The Romans Road* – [Romans 3:23](#), [Romans 6:23](#), [Romans 5:8](#), [Romans 10:9-10](#), [Romans 10:13](#).

## Group in December

- Confirm your Life Group’s remaining plans for December - *Christmas Social*?
- Discuss your tentative or confirmed date to reconnect in January.  
Who is returning in January? Is there room to add people in January?