

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **#HASHTAG** Message: **Part 1 – Deny Your #SELFIE**

September 17, 2017



Connect & Check-In (20min)

*LEADER – Welcome Back & Opening Prayer

- > THANK God for your Group & the opportunity to connect and grow together this year.
- > INVITE the Holy Spirit to empower and guide you as a Group.

*Share your NAMES & Answers:

- > Share 1 Summer Highlight and 1 Opportunity you're excited about this Fall.
- > Share 1 thing we don't know about you yet.

*LIFE GROUP this Season

- > Confirm your Group's Contact Info: *Names, Ph#, Emails*
- > Confirm your Group's Schedule: *Day/Time/Location and Snack Schedule.*
+ potential dates for Social-Events, Communion (eg. Potluck), Serving Event, Week-off...
- > Attendance & Communication: encourage your group to attend regularly and communicate well.

Sunday Message Feedback (35min)

* Speaker: Pastor Shawn Vandop

1. Here's Lookin' at You

Look at your phone and share your most recent #SELFIE with your group.
Where were you? What were you doing?

2. Sunday Message Recap

If you caught Pastor Shawn's message on Sunday, what is 1 thing that impacted you the most?
(challenged you, encouraged you...)

3. Culture of SELF

Can you think of any *books, magazines, websites, tv/movies, or other media* that have Self in the title?
How have you observed our culture becoming more and more self-absorbed in your life time?
Have you seen this to be true in your own life? If so, how? Discuss.

4. READ Scripture: [Luke 9:23-25](#)

a. What do you think Jesus means in this statement? How do you understand this verse? Discuss.

5. #SELFIE vs #UnSELFIE

Shawn walked through some specific moments in the Disciples interactions where they missed the point and put their focus on their own greatness. Read [Mark 9:33-35](#) and [Matthew 20:28-29](#)

- a. Have you ever found yourself arguing and focusing-on the wrong things in life because of *SELF*?
- b. Why do you think we drift towards selfishness rather than selflessness? Discuss both questions.

6. From **SELF** to **SERVE**

- Have you ever thought of yourself as a servant (or a better translation is “slave.”)?
- Why don’t we tend to think of ourselves as servants/slaves? Discuss.
- Shawn defined a servant as “**someone whose job is to make life better for someone else.**”

7. READ Scripture: [1 Corinthians 12:12-27](#) - **#BodyOfChrist**

- How does this definition of the Church support Jesus’ command to be Servants? Discuss.
- Does this illustration from Paul make serving more understandable and joyful to you? How so?

Application & Prayer (20min)

* READ Scripture: [Galatians 5:13](#)

* **#BeAServant**

Think of 1-2 specific opportunities you have to Serve Others this week & share them with the group.
How can you make someone else’s life better this week? Think of something practical you can do and share it with your group. (Then report back next week on how you served someone in a practical way).

* **#DenyYourSelfie**

- What is 1 area/way that you need to **#denyyourselfie** for Christ this week (& moving forward)?
- Turn the camera around this week and look for opportunities to take pictures of people and situations that show the heart of Jesus. Use the #Hashtags - #SELFLESS #denyyourselfie #Mainstreetchurch

* **#PRAY**

- > you can pray for the person on your right, or break into groups of 3-4, or men & women.
- > we invite & encourage everyone to learn to pray, but if you’re not comfortable yet it’s ok to say “pass”

1. **Ask Jesus** to help you serve others in the specific opportunities you shared earlier (Question #6).

2. **Share** 1 other specific/personal Prayer Request and Pray for one another.

* **BONUS:** On your own this week.

Bonus Scripture: You can check out these Scriptures on your own this week.

http://www.openbible.info/topics/being_a_servant

Bonus Video: Watch this 4min Video.

Gospel of the Kingdom - <https://youtu.be/xmFPS0f-kzs> - from [The Bible Project](#)

Announcements

HEARING GOD Workshop

Thursdays, Sept.21-Oct.19. 7pm-8:30pm. Main Street Chapel. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/hearing-god

PRAYER SUMMIT

Sept.24. 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Chapel.

Worship-Prayer-Communion

PARTNERSHIP Class

Sun. October 1. 6pm-8pm. Main Street Chapel. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership

THANKSGIVING Special Offering: CHRISTMAS HOPE Campaign

Sun. October 8. Both Services.

Our goal for our CHRISTMAS HOPE Campaign (formerly *Hunger to Hope Campaign*) is to raise \$50,000!

*\$30,000 to provide 100 Hampers to families in need in our community.

*\$20,000 to provide special support-gifts to local agencies (schools, Christian ministries)

SET FREE Retreat

October 20-21 (Fri. evening & all-day Saturday). **Main Street Chapel.** www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free

*We encourage everyone to do a Set Free Retreat every couple of years, so go again if it's been awhile.