

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Single Messages

Message: A Crucified Life - A Life Of Discipleship

Speaker: Gord Fleming

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Connect (30min)

1. 3 KEYS FOR YOUR DISCIPLESHIP (15min)

Think of the Exodus story for the Israelites, or the ministry years of Jesus with the Disciples... there were *key places, events and people* along the way. *Share the following with the group.*

* **1 Key Place** in your Discipleship Journey. *Where you encountered or learned about Jesus*

* **1 Key Experience** in your Discipleship Journey. *That helped you connect & grow deeper with Jesus*

* **1 Key Person** in your Discipleship Journey. *Who introduced you to Jesus or encouraged your faith*

Everybody can be great because everybody can serve! – Martin Luther King Jr.

2. P.R.A.Y. - BE BOLD IN SERVICE (15min). Pick up a copy of MAY's Prayer Focus brochure at church.

Read [Philippians 2:1-18](#). Share this month's scripture (again) as a group & use it as a guide for prayer.

Pray – Take 10min to P.R.A.Y. together. Leader – time & transition to each component.

-- Pause (be still & listen. 2min)

-- Rejoice & Reflect (praise & thanks. 2min.),

-- Ask (invite & request 4min.)

-- Yield (surrender & trust. 2min)

Message Discussion (45min)

1. DISCIPLESHIP Q&A

a. Who were the original 12 Disciples of Jesus?

Try to recall all 12 before reading [Matthew 10:2-4](#). Who later replaced Judas? [Acts 1:21-26](#)

b. What is a Disciple? What is Discipleship?

c. What does it mean to be a Disciple of Jesus? Would you consider yourself to be a Disciple? Why?

d. What does it mean & look like to Disciple others?

2. MESSAGE FEEDBACK

a. What is one thing you learned through Sunday's message? What encouraged or challenged you?

b. What is one thing you learn from Sunday's key Bible verses? Read [Galatians 2:20, Matthew 28:18-20](#).

3. DISCIPLES CONNECT & GROW

a. Think of examples of how the first disciples displayed spiritual growth and community? Share briefly

b. *We are all on a growth journey with Jesus* – Gord Fleming

*One of the main ways that we grow in Christ is in and through *Community*.

*At *Main Street Church* -- the primary environment for *community & discipleship* is our *Life Groups*.

*Gord talked about *Life Groups* as a primary means by which Main Street Church engages discipleship, with about 50% of Main Street (adults) currently in a Life Group. Our goal is to grow to 80% in *Life Groups* in the next year.

We are asking everyone who is in a *Life Group* to help us with this!

>>> **Consider doing these three things:**

> **Inform your friends** at Main Street Church (who are not currently in a Life Group) of the value of being part of one and encourage them to sign up. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/life-groups

> **Pray and consider** becoming a *Life Group Leader* -- so that more people can join Life Groups.

1 Leader can create an environment for 6-14 other people to experience community & discipleship!

> **Identify and encourage** potential *Life Group Leaders* to step into this area of service.

4. DISCIPLES DIE TO SELF

When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- a. What does “dying to self” daily - look like for you?
- b. Do you believe that you are growing in your relationship with Jesus? Either way, why do you believe this?
- c. How do we (actually) “surrender” every part of our lives under the Lordship of Christ?
- d. Gord talked about our narcissistic society and how prevalent this is in ministry circles in North America. How have you experienced this in your life and community?
- e. Read & Discuss this quote from C.S. Lewis -- [Mere Christianity](#)
Christ says... Give me all. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want you. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good. I don't want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want to have the whole tree down. I don't want to drill the tooth, or crown it, or cap it, but to have it out. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent, as well as the ones you think wicked – the whole outfit. I will give you myself: my own will shall become yours.

5. DISCIPLESHIP STEPS

📖 [John 3:30](#) – “*He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease.*” – John the Baptist

What are some practical “next steps” in your own discipleship journey that you would like to develop more?

Some of the steps Gord mentioned included:

*Increased Prayer Life

*Increased Focus on Living Missionally

*Increased Time in God’s Word

*Increased Life on Life Discipleship in Community

> Share a specific example of what that step might actually look like, and what it requires of you.

> How can we help you, and one another, with these steps?

Prayer (15min)

- 🙏 In response to our sharing and discussion, how can we Pray for you? Pray for one another!

Check Out

📖 www.openbible.info/topics/discipleship 📖 www.openbible.info/topics/surrender

www.gotquestions.org/Christian-disciple.html

[The Cost Of Discipleship](#) & [Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community](#), Dietrich Bonhoeffer

[Crazy Love: Overwhelmed By A Relentless God](#) & [Multiply: Disciple Making For Ordinary People](#), Francis Chan