

## TRUTH & GRACE

### TODAY'S TEXT [John 1](#) and selected Scriptures.

JOHN 1:14 (ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Grace & Truth -- *Unconditional grace and uncompromising truth.***

***WE WILL BE RELENTLESS WITH TRUTH AND GRACE.*** We will teach and model the hard truths of Jesus so that we can experience and model the deep grace of Jesus.

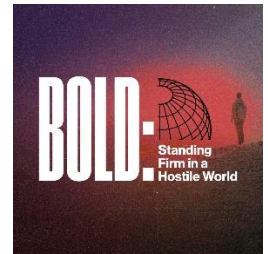
# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: BOLD – Standing Firm In A Hostile World

Message: Part 2 – TRUTH & GRACE

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Date: May 28, 2023



## Connect (30min)

\*Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men/women) to maximize sharing & prayer.

### 1. MAY-JUNE-DUNE BUGGY

- a. **May:** Share your favorite memory from the month of May.
- b. **June:** Share something you're looking forward in the month of June.
- c. **Dune Buggy:** Share something random, funny, or interesting about your life (past or present).

### 2. FAITH FOCUS

**What are you reading or focusing on in your personal devotions as you head into June?**

Share one highlight with the group – an insight, encouragement, challenge or application.

### 3. P.R.A.Y. - BE BOLD IN SERVICE. 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.)

-- Yes (surrender & trust. 2min)

## Message Discussion (45min)

\*Reconnect as a large group.

### 1. THE WORLD WAS, IS & WILL BE

- a. **THE WORLD WAS:** Briefly share one way the world was different while you were growing up.
- b. **THE WORLD IS:** Briefly share one way that the world is different today than you imagined it would be.
- c. **THE WORLD WILL BE:** Briefly share one way you forecast the world will be different in 10 years.

### 2. PENTECOST 🕯️ SUNDAY

📖 **Read [Acts 2](#).** May 28<sup>th</sup> celebrated Pentecost Sunday. What is one way that Holy Spirit has changed your life?


### 3. MESSAGE FEEDBACK

**\*Share your initial feedback on Sunday's Message. What did you learn? What challenged or encouraged you?**

### 4. GRACE & TRUTH 📖 Read [John 1:1-14](#) NIV or ESV

- a. Who is *The Word* in John 1? What do we learn about Him and our relationship with Him?
- b. How do you see His divinity and humanity emphasized in John 1?
- c. What does it mean that Jesus was full of "**grace and truth?**" in verse 14?

- d. Which aspect of Christ's character do you believe or receive more, His grace or truth, and why?
- e. Which one of those words describes you more?  
Are you more of a "**grace**" person or more of a "**truth**" person?  
How would your family and friends describe you?
- f. What are the dangers of being one sided in these areas? Discuss.  
Why is it a tough tension for us to live with both grace and truth? Discuss.
- g. What would it take for you to model your life after Jesus and be full of both grace and truth?  
What would need to change in your life? What would you need for this to happen?

5.  Read [John 14:6, 1 John 3:13 & John 15:18](#)

- a. How do these verses impact you? Are you encouraged, discouraged, confused...?
- b. How would you describe our culture's definition or understanding of grace & truth?  
How does this line up with Jesus, and the way we (should) live as His followers?
- c. When it comes to following Jesus have you ever thought about the fact that Christians should expect hostility and hatred? How does this impact your faith & living? Share some examples.

6.  Read [John 8:1-11](#)

- a. How does Jesus model both grace and truth in this story?
- b. How does He show it to the religious leaders? How does He show it to the woman?
- c. How has Jesus shared grace & truth to your life lately?
- d. Who is one person in your life that needs to experience the grace & truth of Jesus through you this week?

## Prayer (15min)

\*Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men/women) to maximize sharing & prayer time.

- **Holy Spirit Come...** In response to our discussion, let's Pray for one another and the people we shared.

## Group Plans

**\*Confirm your Life Group plans for June, the summer break, and tentative plans for September.**

### **\*Life Group Leaders Celebration & Vision BBQ**

Join us as we celebrate another year of Life Groups at Main Street Church!

On **Sun. June 11**, you are invited for a BBQ to meet-and-greet *Gord Fleming*, our new Associate Pastor who will be heading up our Life Groups ministry. He will be sharing his heart and vision going into the Fall as well as have a chance to connect with you. Whether you are an existing Life Group Leader or interested in becoming one for September 2023, we are excited to have a night of fellowship with you.

> *If you are coming with a spouse, please ensure you are both registered so we know how much food to prepare.*

> *Childcare available, please indicate in your registration how many kids you will be bringing.*

> *Registration closes June 4. Visit [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/events](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/events) to register.*