

## Main Street Church - Life Group Questions

Series: **JOY** (Philippians) Message: May 3. Part 4 -**JOY When You are 2<sup>nd</sup>**.



### Connect

: Choose 1 or 2 Interactive/Competitive Games for your Group to play (20-30min)

### Open with Prayer

“JESUS – You are the greatest example of how to love others with a humble servant heart. Please remind us, lead us & transform us so that our attitude & heart becomes more & more like You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

### Check In (Don’t skip over this)

:: **Did anyone attend Encounter God this past weekend (May 1-2)? Share your experience/feedback...**

:: **What has God been showing/speaking to you about in your personal time with Him?**

:: **How can we as a group encourage one another to spend intentional time with Jesus?**

{Devotional ideas (Prayer booklets...), Bible Reading Plan, Podcasts, Accountability, Encounter God...}

### Sunday Message Feedback :: JOY When You Are 2<sup>nd</sup>.

What jumped out at you from Sunday’s message?

Which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

What did Jesus say to you to you this past week through the message?

1. **What activity/game/circumstance brings out the competitive side in you? Why?**
2. **READ Philippians 2:1-11**  
**READ 2:3 again** -- What are some ways you can value others higher than yourself?  
(Think of opportunities in your family, community and workplace).
3. **What is the difference between humility and self-deprecation?** How do people get these mixed up?
4. **What are some traits that define humility?** Are these traits commonly pursued in our culture?  
Why/why not?
5. **READ Philippians 2:5-8.**  
Shawn mentioned that the attitude we are to imitate from Jesus had/has is more than just being positive. In order to have the attitude of Jesus we must become like Jesus.  
:: **Who we imitate sheds light on who we are and what we value ::**  
**READ Ephesians 5:1-2.** Are the disciplines you practice based on Jesus life or do they tend to be self-promoting? What steps do you need to take in your life to better align yourself with Jesus? Discuss.
6. **Corrie ten Boom** wrote – “If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed. If you look inside, you’ll be depressed. If you look to Jesus, you’ll be at rest.”  
**CS Lewis** once wrote - “To be nothing isn’t to think less of yourself; it’s to think about yourself less.”  
:: **How does thinking about yourself less lead to a more joyful life?** Discuss.

## **APPLICATION & PRAYER:** (Break into groups of 3-4, or Men & Women)

**This week, where do you need to focus more on others? Share.**

- **PONDER THIS:** You are where you are today because someone followed Jesus example and made a sacrifice for you. Someone set aside their own interests for yours. Whether it was your parents, a friend, a teacher, your Life Group or whomever – your life was changed because someone put your interests before their own.
  - Take a moment and think of that person (if you can share who it was with your group)
  - Make a commitment to make a phone call, send a thank you card, email, tweet, etc.. to that person this week if possible.
  - Who can you show the same love towards that someone showed towards you?
- **PRAY FOR EACHOTHER:** Pray for the person on your right, that they would become more intentional about imitating Jesus and seeking to live our lives putting others before ourselves. Ask Jesus to infuse the JOY of being second into our hearts and lives.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**May 10**

**:: MOTHER'S DAY – 9am & 10:45am Services. Guest Speaker – Lorraine Bergen.**

**\*Special Offering Project – for the Central Elementary School Playground.**

**May 23**

**:: RealWoman Event – 9am-11:30am at Main Street Church.**

**\*280+** Tickets have been sold! Ticket sales are over now.

**June 5-6**

**:: The MAN Event – Friday Night, All Day Saturday at Main Street Church.**

**\*Registration** begins Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & ends Tues. May 19<sup>th</sup>.

<http://mainstreetchurch.ca/event/the-man-event>