Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

:: FEARLESS - Part 5 - The Payoff for Following Jesus :: October 11, 2015



Welcome & Prayer

READ John 14:6

JESUS – Thank you for loving us and inviting us to follow You through all of life's adventures, and into eternity. You are the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE. We invite You to fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we continue to grow out of fear into the faith, hope & love You have for us. May Your will be done. Amen.

Connect

- **1.** Have 1-2 people share their story/testimony (5-10min each)
- 2. Tell us 1 thing we don't know about you...: What is 1 thing you're THANKFUL for this week?

Check In

- :: Each time we meet as a Group we'll take a few minutes to share a bit about how we're learning & growing in our own personal journey with GOD. This is for accountability & encouragement.
- :: How can we as a group encourage one another to spend intentional time with Jesus this Fall? {Devotional ideas (Prayer booklets...), Bible Reading Plan, Podcasts, Accountability, Hearing God...}
- :: What is one area of your relationship with Jesus that you'd like to grow in this season?
- :: What has God been showing you or speaking to you about in your personal time with Him this past week? (eg. through Bible reading, Prayer, Journaling, Devotions, Worship, time in Creation...)

Sunday Message Feedback

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. In 1 minute as a Group name as many Superstitions as you can think of!
 - :: Are there any areas where you tend to be superstitious?
 - :: Why do you or others have superstitions? : Discuss.
- 2. What do you think are reasons that people have for following Jesus? Discuss.
 - :: What was the initial reason that led you to follow Jesus?

3. READ Matthew 10:1-31

What jumps out to you from these words of Jesus? How do you think the disciples felt as Jesus spoke to them? What is your response to this teaching from Jesus? Discuss.

4. READ John 16:33

Why doesn't God take away all our struggles, problems and troubles in life? Discuss.

- **5.** Have you ever thought that a fearless life could be one of the biggest payoffs for following Jesus? : Yes or no? Discuss.
- **8.** Think about a time in your life when you felt close to God. Were your circumstances at that time good or bad? How did those circumstances (good or bad) influence your relationship with God?
- **9.** Who in your life has been an example or model of someone who has trusted God in difficult situations? What impressed you about that person? Do you think you could exhibit or grow into the same kind of faith as them? Why/why not?

Application & Prayer

(Split into groups of 2-3 people or divide the men and women and have them share and pray for each other)

When we follow Jesus He leads us to and through situations where we have to trust Him. Often Jesus can only mature our faith by leading us through difficult circumstances.

- **::** What circumstances in your life right now do you need to trust God with?
- **:: What can your group do to support you?** Use your responses as a focus for praying for one another.

Next Life Group

:: Our next Life Group meeting will be _	
:: Who will bring Snack/Refreshments?	·

Coming Up at Main Street

Sunday, October 25th :: 6pm-7:30pm :: Main Street Auditorium.

:: PRAYER SUMMIT. Worship-Prayer-Communion

Let's participate as a Group! (Includes our Kids Summit)

November 13-14 :: Main Street Church.

:: ENCOUNTER GOD RETREAT

:Friday evening & All-day Saturday. Info & Registration >> www.mainstreetchurch.ca/encounter-god \$35/person. Includes Refreshments, plus Lunch & Dinner on Saturday.

^{*}Ask God to liberate and free people from the fear that their circumstances are holding them in.