

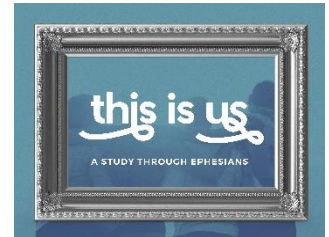
# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: *THIS IS US – A Study Through Ephesians*

Message: *Part 6 – Make Yourself at Home*

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**Connect** (20min) – share refreshments.

**\*We encourage you to continue meeting & praying together as a group online during the COVID-19 season.**

## 1. This Is Us...

- a. How are you and your family handling the COVID-19 Coronavirus situation?
- b. Besides toilet paper...what would your Top 3 Supplies for surviving COVID-19 be?

## 2. March Focus:

*“LORD, Help Me...To develop a consistent daily devotional time with You.”* #2020 Prayer Goals

- a. **Share** a highlight from your Devotions (reading/prayer) this past week.
- b. **Read [Psalm 23](#) & [2 Timothy 1:7](#).**
- c. **Pray Together.** Use short sentence prayers, allowing everyone room to participate.
  - > **Praise & Thanksgiving:** Praise God for Who He Is, What He has done and provided.
  - > **Pray for Others:** Pray for those affected by the Virus (physically, relationally, financially...), plus medical workers and leadership (government, church...).
  - >> Healing, protection, wisdom, compassion, patience and spiritual breakthrough across the globe.

## Sunday Message Discussion (35-40min)

\*Share the reading of the Scriptures throughout the discussion.

### 1. Roots & Renovations – God’s Home & Garden Show

- a. If *You were a Plant or Tree in God’s Garden*, what kind of Plant or Tree would you be, and why?
- b. If *Your Life is a House* and Jesus took ownership of it, which room do you think He would renovate first?
- c. Would you rather be God’s House or Garden?

### 2. Priorities in Prayer -- *How often do the following five things take up your prayer focus?*

Rank the 5 Prayers below from “most likely to pray for” (#1) to “Least likely to pray for.” (#5)

- a. Guidance – Protection – Deliverance – Provision – Success
- b. Why do you think these themes dominate our prayer lives? Discuss.
- c. Are there any prayers that you are hesitant to pray for? Discuss.

### 3. Hearts, Minds & Calendars

- a. What fills your life, your heart, your mind, and your calendar on a regular basis? Share 2 examples.
- b. Are you happy with what’s filling up your life, or is there something that you’d like to change? Discuss.

### 4. WORD UP -- Read [Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

- a. What is one thing that stands out to you in this passage?
- b. What do we learn about GOD in this passage? (how is the Trinity highlighted?)
- c. What do we learn about ourselves in this passage? (individually and collectively as the church)

**5. Masters in our Midst**

- a. What is something in your life that you would say you have mastered (or come close to mastering)?
- b. How did you become good at that thing? Share.

**6. Maturing Believers**

- a. What do you currently do to immerse yourself in God’s love and pursue Jesus (daily/weekly...)?
- b. What do you think are the signs of a spiritually mature person? Would Jesus agree with you, with us?
- c. Based on Ephesians 3:14-21 – what is God’s responsibility and what is our responsibility in this process?

**7. What insights into *Spiritual Maturity* do the following verses provide?**

[Galatians 5:13-14.](#)                      [1 Corinthians 10:23-24.](#)                      [Romans 14:19-23.](#)

**8. My Heart--Christ’s Home**

\*Read [Ephesians 3:17](#)

- a. What does it mean to have “Christ make his home in our heart?” Discuss.
- b. What would it look like for you to put your spiritual growth as a top priority this year?  
>> Share specific things/steps you could do.

**9. Making Progress -- Read [Philippians 3:12-15](#)**

\*What is more important to God when it comes to your spiritual growth – progress or perfection? Discuss.

**Application & Prayer** (15min)

**1.** What is **ONE THING** you will do this week to take a step towards spiritual growth?

>> Use that as a prayer point to pray for and with one another.

**2. PRAY for ONE ANOTHER:** *\*Seek Out Opportunities to Pray for and with the People around me.* #2020 Prayer Goals

**\*Pray for One Another.**

*“Jesus, based on the message and discussion, what is one way others can pray for me this week?”*

**\*Share and pray** for one another.

**2.** Read [Ephesians 3:14-21](#) again this week and make it your Prayer for one another.

**Resources**

\*The Bible Project – Overview of Ephesians: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y71r-T98E2Q>

**Announcements**

\*Our **NEXT ONLINE LIFE GROUP MEETING:** *DATE / TIME / LOCATION.*

**Weekly Announcements Email**

Consider the [Weekly Announcement Email](#) from Main Street Church. Contact our Office to be added to the mailing list. It’s another great way to stay informed and engaged in the life of our church.