

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: **PERSEVERE – Part 3**

February 17, 2019



Connect (15min) – Share refreshments.

THANKFUL 3 – Take 3min on your own to consider and write down 1 thing you are Thankful for in each of these 3 areas:

1. In my relationship with God: “I am Thankful _____
2. In my relationships with others (spouse/family/friends): “I am Thankful _____
3. In my physical provisions (health/work/finances/provisions): “I am Thankful _____

*Then get into groups of 3 and share your Thankful 3 with one another.

FOCUS – Read [Psalm 103](#) -- then take 3 minutes to praise & thank God in Prayer in your group of 3.

Sunday Message Feedback (35-45min)

***Speaker:** Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor. **Message:** PERSEVERE – Part 3.

1. **Bounce Back:** *Comeback & Redemption Themes* are big part of human narratives in books, movies, sports.
 - a. What is one of your favorite *Comeback/Redemption* stories in books, movies or sports?
 - b. Talk about a time when you had to bounce back or get-up from a fall or failure of some kind. What did you learn from the experience? (...*about life, about God, about yourself*)
 - c. How many examples of people in the Bible can you think of who messed up but God restored and still used for His glory? What do you notice about those people? What do you notice about God?
2. **What jumped out at you from this past Sunday’s Message?** What encouraged or challenged you?
3. **Redemption of the Rock – The Story of Peter**
 - a. Read [Matthew 4:18-20](#) - Jesus called Peter, along with a few others, to come follow Him. What calling has God placed on your life? In what ways are you living it out?
 - b. Read [Luke 22:7-34 & 22:54-65](#)
Can you relate to Peter? When have you kept silent instead of standing up for what you believe? What was the underlying fear that caused you to do that?
 - c. Read [John 21:1-17](#)
How does Peter’s Story and the Resurrection of Jesus highlight God’s redeeming work & heart for us?
4. Read [Isaiah 30:18](#); [Ephesians 2:8-10](#) & [Philippians 1:3-11](#)
How does God’s character & work inspire PERSEVERANCE in our lives to deal with our failures?
What has God done for you? What is He doing for you? What does He provide?

Application & Prayer (15-20min)

1. a. Looking Back

What is one thing in your life that you thought you'd never recover from?

—*an illness, a broken relationship, a job loss, a death?* How did that pain impact you?

How have you seen redemption at work through that situation?

b. Looking Forward

Because of Jesus, we can have hope that the best is yet to come. But in the midst of pain, doubt, and failure, it can be difficult to believe that. Take a moment and make a list of a few things that you're looking forward to in the coming weeks and months—what you're excited about and what makes you feel hopeful.

If nothing comes to mind, plan something that brings you joy. Share one or two things with your group.

2. Read & MEMORIZE: [1 Corinthians 2:9](#) -- How does this verse inspire & equip us to persevere?

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.

3. Engaging God this Week:

What is your plan for engaging Jesus this week? Do you have a set time/place & plan for reading & prayer?

How is this personal discipline going for you lately and how can we encourage or pray for you in this area?

4. PRAYER: Break into groups of 3-4 or Men/Women to enhance the opportunity for sharing and prayer.

***Based on our discussion and the topic of Perseverance, how can we Pray for you personally?**

***Pray for the person on your right.**

2019 Corporate Prayer Goals

We Ask You Lord...

- *To empower us to persistently pray for and share Your Gospel with at least one person in 2019.*
- *To provide all the financial and practical needs of the construction and renovation of our Kitchen and Office Space.*
- *To teach us to seek, ask for and be intentional about learning, growing and practicing the spiritual gifts You have given the church.*
- *To raise up and release at least 10 new Life Group Leaders so that 60% of our adult congregation can be connected in community.*

SUGGESTED READING:

www.openbible.info/topics/perseverance

[Hope in the Dark: Believing God Is Good When Life Is Not](#), by Craig Groeschel.

[Didn't See It Coming: Overcoming the 7 Greatest Challenges That No One Expects and Everyone Experiences](#), by Carey Nieuwhof.

[Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God](#), by Max Lucado.

[It Ain't Over Till It's Over: Persevere for Answered Prayers & Miracles in Your Life](#), by R.T. Kendall

Announcements

Our NEXT LIFE GROUP MEETING: *DATE / TIME / LOCATION.* **SNACK DUTY:** _____.

NEW LIFE GROUP LEADERS NEEDED

***We are actively recruiting New Life Group Leaders.** If you are interested pursuing this leadership role please speak with your current LG Leaders & contact Pastor Eryn for more information.

MAIN STREET WOMEN: Mentoring Training

Sat. February 23. 9am-Noon. Conf.Room A. MSW is offering this free workshop on mentoring for women of all ages. Explore how mentoring impacts our Christian lives, and how we can come alongside other women to listen, encourage, support, lovingly challenge and grow in our Christian walk together. What is required is a heart for God, a growing faith, life experience and love for people. Sign up at Guest Services or call the Church Office.

*Info also available on the [Main Street Church Women's Facebook Page](#). MSW Contact: [Janine Schaefer](#).

'COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR'

Sat. February 23. 5pm Start at First Avenue Christian Assembly. *Hosted by [Cyrus Centre](#). *The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk that raises money for charities serving hungry, homeless, and hurting people in our community. Walk-Volunteer-Donate.* *For Info & Registration visit <https://cnoy.org/location/chilliwack>

SUPPER & The SUMMIT

Sun. February 24. 5pm-Dinner / 6pm-Worship, Prayer & Communion.

APOLOGETICS CANADA CONFERENCE - 2019

March 1-2. Northview Community Church, Abbotsford. Info & Registration: <https://www.apologeticscanada.com/conference-2019>

MISSION PASTA LUNCH - for our *Seeds of Hope Team*

Sun. March 3. 12pm in the Conference Hall. Tickets are available at the Missions Booth, by the Café or at the Office. \$20 – Adults / \$12 – Kids (12&Under). The Seeds of Hope Team will be in Zambia Africa over Spring Break.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. April 28. During the Sunday Services. Register online: <https://mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism>

SET FREE RETREAT

May 3-4. Friday 5:30pm-9pm / Saturday 9am-7pm. \$40. Info & Registration: <https://mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free>