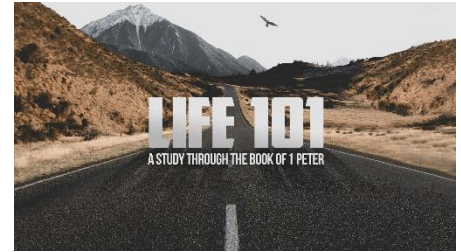


Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **LIFE 101 – 1 Peter**

Part 6 – Submission to Authority

March 5, 2017



Connect (10min)

Open in Prayer: Have one of your Group members Pray for your time together.

* What was your High / Low this past week? Share 1 Highlight & 1 Challenge/Struggle

Check-In (15min)

You & Jesus:

How were you encouraged, challenged or changed through your time with Jesus this week?

Where are you currently reading/listening to God in His Word (the Bible)?

(in your reading, praying, listening, learning)

How can we encourage you in your relationship with Jesus this week?

Sunday Message Feedback (35min)

* **Pastor Shawn** continues our LIFE 101 series in 1 Peter.

[Leader Note: Next week we will focus on 1 Peter 2:18-25 – which deals with submission in the work place – how we deal with unjust/unfair employers... so don't focus too much on the work environment this session]

1. Not the Most Popular Word – SUBMISSION.

Let's be honest, the word Submission is not a popular or commonly used word in our day & culture. Can you think of the last time you used it (Submission/Submit) in a conversation, prayer or personal application?

2. Did Sunday's message change your perceptions of godly submission?

Did you leave encouraged, challenged, conflicted in any specific way?

The BIG Idea: ***"Submission is not about WHAT, but about WHO!"***

When it comes to submission and authority many have been conditioned to look at "WHAT I am being asked to do" whereas God tells us that submission is not about WHAT you are being asked to do but WHO is asking you to do it.

3. Read 1 Peter 2:13-17

What jumps out at you from this passage of Scripture? What encourages or challenges you?

a. (v.13) **For whose sake do we (as Christians) ultimately submit to human authority?** _____

How should this encourage or inspire us?

b. (v.15) What do you think it actually means for us (as Christians) to live honourable lives?

Being God's will...what are some ways we can practically apply this to our daily lives, responsibilities and areas of influence?

How might this honor God, bless others, and point people to Jesus?

c. Considering what you know of Jesus' life and ministry on earth, how did He set the example for us?

> Share some examples that come to mind.

4. Read [Romans 13:1-7](#)

What jumps out at you from this passage of Scripture? What encourages or challenges you?

Read & Discuss the following key points from Sunday's Message:

a. God always works through human authority. Good and bad human authority.

Can you think of a few examples?

(He used Pharaoh to build his nation, he used Nebuchadnezzar to fulfill his purposes, etc.)

b. Often we will submit to authority because we don't want to suffer the consequences (**Romans 13:5a** – *escape the punishment*), but Paul tells us that it must be more than that. Our submission must be a matter of conscience (**Romans 13:5b** – *keep a clear conscience*). It is an integrity issue.

c. We are free to question authority but we are not free to ignore authority.

If you can't submit to human authority what will you do when you don't like something God says or tells you to do?

Application & Prayer (20min)

"Remember Whose you are and Whom you serve" – Oswald Chambers.

***What is one way you can personally apply the message & our discussion to your life this week?**

Read [1 Timothy 2:1-4](#) – Pray for those in Authority...

- Take 2 min of quiet reflection to ask JESUS and consider:
"Jesus, what is one area/way that I can grow in living honourably, with 'godliness and dignity,' and represent you better in this world?"
- PRAY - Invite each person to ask the Holy Spirit for help and transformation in this area, and Pray.
- Take 2 min of quiet reflection to ask JESUS:
"Jesus, who is one person in a position of authority that I need to submit to and pray for?"
(perhaps someone you/we criticize but don't pray for)
- PRAY - Have each person PRAY for that person in authority/leadership.

Resources

The Bible Project – 1 Peter: <https://youtu.be/WhP7AZQlzCg>

Scripture: on *Submission*

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/submission>

[https://www.openbible.info/topics/submission to human authority](https://www.openbible.info/topics/submission%20to%20human%20authority)

Announcements

SET FREE Retreat

April 7-8. Main Street Church. Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free

FRESH START Finance Course

Wednesdays. May 10-31. Main Street Church. Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/fresh-start