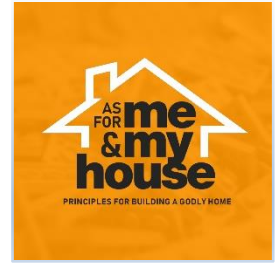


# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE**

Message: **Part 7 – Blended & Beautiful**

May 27, 2018



## Connect & Pray (15min)

**Opening Prayer:** Invite one group member to open up in prayer for you time together.

### Icebreakers:

\*What is one of your favorite annual Summer activities or destinations?

\*What is your favorite Ice-Cream flavor?

### LET'S GROW: **GOD - shape and grow my character in 2018...**

a. What have you been focusing on in your personal *devotions* this past week, and what is 1 way that you have been encouraged, challenged or changed?

b. What are your *personal devotion* plans for this next week? (bible reading/prayer/journaling)

## Sunday Message Feedback (40min)

\***Speaker:** Eryn Moore – Community Life Pastor

### 1. Blenders & Crockpots:

a. What is your favorite kind of smoothie or blended-drink?

b. What is your favorite Crockpot meal?

### 2. How are you personally connected with Blended Families? Choose all that apply.

a. I was raised in a blended family.

b. My spouse & I have a blended family.

c. I have extended family that are a blended family. d. I have a close friend who is part of a blended family.

### 3. Message Feedback: What is one thing that impacted you from Sunday's Message?

### 4. Complex - Broken – Beautiful: In your experience...

a. What are 1 or 2 examples of complexities that blended families have to work through?

b. What are 1 or 2 examples of brokenness that blended families have to work through and heal from?

c. What are 1 or 2 ways that blended families can experience the gospel of Christ and be beautiful?

### 5. Blended in the Bible: Which of the following points connects with you the most, and why?

#### a. The Church is a Blended Family.

i. How did the people/nation of Israel experience aspects of being a blended family?

ii. How was the early church (and the church today) like a blended family? (Reference Acts & the Epistles)

#### b. It took the Cross of Christ to bring unity in God's blended family.

i. Read [Ephesians 2:13-21](#).

ii. How did/does the Cross of Christ bring unity in God's blended family?

c. **God receives great glory when there is unity in the midst of diversity.**

i. Read [Revelation 7:9-10](#).

d. **God has used blended families in great ways to advance His Kingdom.**

i. Consider Abraham's family (ref. Genesis 12-25) or the family of King David (ref. 1 Samuel 16-2 Samuel 24)

e. **JESUS faced the social awkwardness that can arise from being in a blended family.**

i. Read [Mark 6:3](#). [Calling Jesus the "son of Mary" would have been an insult pointing out that Joseph was not his biological father.]

6. Read [Matthew 7:24-27](#).

a. How is having a godly Blueprint/Foundation important for our lives and families (marriage & parenting)?

b. How can one's relationship with JESUS and his teaching/instructions form the *Foundation & Blueprint* for your life and family (inc. marriage & parenting)? How has this been true & experienced in your life & family?

7. Pastor Eryn shared **3 Key Action-Statements (or Ingredients) for Godly Homes.**

1. "I LOVE YOU"

2. "I'M SORRY"

3. "HOW CAN I HELP?"

a. Which of these statements is the easiest for you to engage (say & act on), and which is the hardest? Why?

b. How has it impacted you to say/live these words? How has it impacted you to receive these words?

c. Share 1-2 examples of how each statement might be applied.

d. How might your relationships and family change over time if you/we intentionally and consistently put these 3 statements into action - with our words and actions? Share 1-2 examples each.

## Application & Prayer (15min)

**7 Day Challenge : Put these 3 statements into practice with your family this week.**

1. "I LOVE YOU"

2. "I'M SORRY"

3. "HOW CAN I HELP?"

### Group Prayer:

a. Share 1 Challenge or Opportunity that you are facing this week and pray for one another.

b. Pray for one another's families.

## EXPLORE – Resources to consider.

Reference: [Ron Deal](#) – Author, Speaker, Therapist.

FamilyLife.com -- specifically [www.familylife.com/blended](http://www.familylife.com/blended) , [FamilyLife Blended – YouTube Channel](#)

SmartStep-Families <https://smartstepfamilies.com>

7 Day Devotional: [www.bible.com/reading-plans/739-becoming-stepfamily-smart](http://www.bible.com/reading-plans/739-becoming-stepfamily-smart)

Love Languages: <https://fiercemarriage.com/how-to-speak-your-spouses-love-language-what-to-avoid>

# Announcements

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. June 3. During the Morning Services. Info & Registration - [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism)

## PARTNERSHIP CLASS

Sun. June 3. 6pm-8pm. Chapel. [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership)

## 2017 AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Wed. June 6. 7pm. Chapel. Refreshments & Childcare provided.

## MSC VOLUNTEERS BBQ

Sun. June 10. 5pm. Entrance Bay, Cultus Lake. For all Main Street Church Volunteers (& families).

\*We are combining forces with our other ministry departments and doing a Wrap-Up BBQ for all MSC Volunteers. (If you serve in multiple volunteer roles/teams, you only need to RSVP once)

\*Please RSVP by June 4<sup>th</sup> through this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/main-street-church-volunteer-bbq-tickets-46119401371>



## FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY

Sun. June 17.