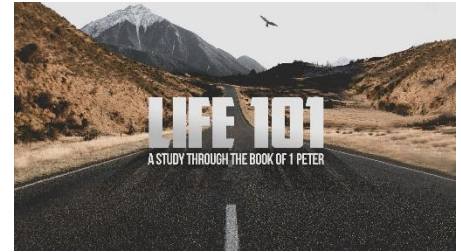


Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **LIFE 101 – 1 Peter**

Part 4

February 19, 2017



Connect (10min)

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

- * What is 1 Spring-time activity you're looking forward to?
- * What is 1 thing you're thankful for today?
- * What is 1 thing we don't know about you yet?

Check-In (15min)

You & Jesus:

What did JESUS say to you in your devotions this past week?

(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.

1. **What is one immature thing you have done?** (that's appropriate to share in a group)
2. **When you think of a spiritually mature person what comes to mind?**
Or – how would you describe a spiritually mature person?
3. Pastor Shawn talked about **two myths about spiritual maturity and growth**.
Can you think of any ways your understanding of spiritual growth and maturity has changed over time?
Explain.
4. **Just as physical growth varies for all of us the same is true for spiritual growth.**
Which of the following words could be used to describe your spiritual growth journey (currently)? Why?

[growing, falling, refreshed, just beginning, consistent, rebellious, hasn't started yet, starting over, going backwards, confused, struggling, other...]

5. We spent time on Sunday looking at what the Apostle Peter had to say about spiritual maturity and we will end our life group study by revisiting his teaching. The Apostle Paul also had some things to say about spiritual growth and maturity in his letter to the Thessalonians who like Peters audience were dealing with suffering and persecution. **Read [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)**

- a. How does Paul describe the faith of the Thessalonians?
 - b. What is most attractive to you about how they lived out their faith?
 - c. How do you think they were able to mature in such a difficult situation (being persecuted)?
6. Following Jesus and spiritual growth are things that involve both God's Spirit working in our lives from the inside out, and us working on how God calls us to live (see [Philippians 2:12-13](#)). The process of maturing can be hard work. Paul often used the analogy of athletic competition to help Christians understand their part in growing to maturity.
- How do the following verses increase or affirm your understanding of what it takes to develop a spiritually mature perspective?
- a. [Philippians 3:13-14](#)
 - b. [1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#)
 - c. [2 Timothy 2:4-5](#)
 - d. [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)
7. This weekend, we heard how **spiritual growth is measured not by how much we know, but rather by how we live**. [1 Thessalonians 5:12-18](#) gives a list of great things to know and live out as we follow Jesus and impact those around us.
- As you read the list, which one or two have you seen or do you think would push you toward the most growth?

Application (15min)

Read [1 Peter 1:22-25](#) and [1 Peter 2:1-3](#)

*Looking back at the four areas people should see a difference in (**Love, Speech, Attitude and Desires**), which one has challenged you the most?

*Share where you need to grow more in your walk with God and use that as a point of prayer for one another.

Prayer (10-15min)

>> **REMIND your Life Group of [PRAYER SUMMIT](#) on Sunday, February 26th at 6pm.**

* Break into groups of 3-4 or Men & Women.

* **PRAY for one another in response to your application answers/discussion.**

Resources

***Scripture on Spiritual Maturity & Growth:**

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/maturity> https://www.openbible.info/topics/spiritual_growth

***The Bible Project** (YouTube Channel): Excellent animated Introductions to these Books of the Bible.

[Read Scripture – 1 Thessalonians](#) [Read Scripture – 1 Peter](#)

***Books:** *Revolution of Character* – Dallas Willard. *The Pursuit of Holiness* – Jerry Bridges.
The Jesus Lifestyle – Nicky Gumbel

Announcements

PRAYER SUMMIT

Sun. February 26. 6pm. Main Street Auditorium.

MISSION – PASTA LUNCH

Sun. March 5. 12pm. Main Street Conference Hall/Café.

*\$20 (\$10 for Kids 12 & Under)

*Proceeds go to support the Main Street Missions Fund. Meal served by the Seeds of Hope Missions Team.

BAPTISM Celebration

Sun. March 5. 6pm. Main Street Auditorium. Info & Application: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

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