

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: **Establishing Pillars of Hope**

October 28, 2018



Connect (15min) – Share refreshments.

*Share 1 Highlight from your Week & 1 Thing you are looking forward to in November?

Sunday Message Feedback (35min)

*Speaker: Justin Manzey – Latitude Ministries. Message: Establishing Pillars of Hope

1. **OPEN in PRAYER** - Invite 1 Person to read [Psalm 23](#) and open your discussion in Prayer.
GOD – thank you for Your Presence, Your Provision, Your Protection & Your Promises in our lives...
2. **HEARING GOD RECAP:** [Homework for Session 6](#)
*Share 1 or 2 Highlights/Insights/Experiences from your Session 6 Homework. (p.80 in your booklet)
3. **Message Feedback:** Do you have any initial feedback from Sunday's Message?
4. **Justin spoke of 3 Pillars that provide hope and strength for our lives.**
Provision – Protection – Promises -- which bring Rest – Trust – Hope

READ: [Exodus 13:20-22](#) - *PILLARS: Pillar of fire by night and Pillar of a cloud by day.

These Pillars can now be in you!

The Pillar of Fire is the Holy Spirit guiding you, counseling you. The Holy Spirit needs to be established in you.

The Pillar of a Cloud is the Voice of God, whispering to you. God wants to establish His Voice in your in life.

READ: [Matthew 4:1-10](#) and keep it open in your Bible.

3 Pillars need to be established in our life to help form our identity in Christ Jesus.

I. The Pillar of Provision – REST (Matthew 4:1-4)

*Satan wants you to prove yourself through a performance mentality.

[2 Peter 1:3](#) -- *By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.*

We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

VS: The fear of lack - which causes one to feel out of control and seek money as security.

[Matthew 6:33](#) - Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Questions:

- a. Do you trust the Lord with your Provision?
- b. What is taking REST from you?
- c. How has God been Provider for you, and how can you take another step towards His provisions?

II. The Pillar of Protection - TRUST (Matthew 4:5-7)

*Satan wants you to Compete and Compare yourself with others, and fight in isolation.

[1 Peter 1:5](#) - *And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.*

VS: Feeling vulnerable and insecure – which causes us to cover ourselves with pride and masks.

Questions:

- a. What are a couple of things that distract you from TRUSTING the Lord?
- b. What is the Armor that we can put on to protect ourselves? (see [Ephesians 6:10-20](#))

III. The Pillar of a Promise Keeper – HOPE (Matthew 4:8-10)

*Satan wants you to believe his lies, and living with constant regrets and broken promises.

[2 Peter 1:4](#) - *And because of his glory and excellence, HE (GOD) has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.*

VS: Feeling hopeless – promises give us hope and when people break their promises we lose hope.

The Lord's promises are Yes and Amen.

Questions:

- a. What is one example of a broken promise that has robbed you of hope?
- b. What are a few of the many promises of God that restore Hope to our lives, no matter the situation, challenge or temptation we face?

Application & Prayer (20min)

How can you allow God to build these **Pillars of Provision – Protection – Promises Keeper** in you today?

We have to submit to the Lord and His ways and allow Jesus to build us.

1. Learn to listen to the **Voice of God**. The Pillar of the cloud directing our footsteps.
2. Learn to put your **Trust** in the Lord. The Pillar of Fire -- The Holy Spirit.
3. Learn to worship God and hang on to His **Promises**.
4. Learn to walk in **Rest, Hope** and **Trust**.

NOVEMBER WITH JESUS: *Continue/Start to Set A Time and a Place with JESUS for yourself.*

- a. Do you have a plan or focus for your personal reading/prayer/devotions in November?
- b. Do you need any ideas/help/accountability?
- c. What is 1 other Challenge or Opportunity that you need God's Help in this week?

***PRAY:** After the Group has shared, break into smaller groups (Men/Women or 3-4 people) and PRAY for one another.
: PRAY for the person on your Right. (Use the info shared in the above questions to inform your Prayers).

Announcements

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

Discuss your LG schedule/events for the upcoming weeks of November.

MISSIONS EXPO SUNDAY

November 4th – During and after the Morning Services.

NEW SERIES: “RePETE” – 2 Peter

Sundays beginning November 11th.

MAIN STREET WOMEN: Pancakes & Possibilities – *GOD IS ABLE*

Sat. November 17th – 9:30am-11:15am. Main Street Church – Conference Hall. Childcare provided.

\$5 Tickets available on Sundays or through the Church Office.

Christmas HOPE Campaign – Special Offering

WOW -- We have almost reached our Goal! Continue to give until November 4th.

CHRISTMAS HOPE is our Annual Christmas Campaign of Irrational Generosity.

*Our goal for 2018 is to raise \$100,000 to provide 100+ amazing Christmas Hampers to families in need in our Church and City, and Christmas blessing/support to various local and international ministries and community agencies.

*Hampers will be delivered (D-DAY) on Sat. December 15th, starting at 10am from the Chapel.

Supper & The Summit

November 25th. 5pm- Dinner (FREE). 6pm – Worship, Communion & Prayer (Kids Summit for ages 2-Gr.4).

***We are recruiting LIFE GROUPS to Serve as Hospitality Teams at our Supper & Summit events. (Last Sunday/Month)**

-We need 1 Group to serve for **Set Up: 3:30pm-5:30pm.**

-We need 1 Group to serve for **Clean Up: 7:30pm-8:30pm.** (we still want you to participate in the Summit).

***Tables & Chairs don't need to be set up or taken down; it's just food/dishes related assistance.**

***Please contact Pastor Eryn for more Info. Thank you.**