

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Together for Good

Message 2: Good.. or Godly? [1 Peter 3:1-7](#)

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Connect (30min)

1. **OPENING PRAYER:** Invite a group member to lead out in prayer for your time together.
2. **OLYMPIC DREAMS**
 - If you were youthful, athletic and skilled enough to compete in the Winter Olympics... Which sport would you like to compete in?
3. **GOOD TO GREAT DEBATE**
 - Share 1 "Good" choice and 1 "Great" choice for each of these topics:
 - a. Athlete
 - b. Sport
 - c. Musical Artist/Band
 - d. Movie
 - e. Vacation Destination
 - f. Dessert

Message Discussion (45min)

1. GOOD vs GODLY

Quote: "Good is the enemy of Great." - [Jim Collins](#)

> How have you seen "good enough" become a barrier to spiritual growth in marriage or relationships?

Read & Respond to Scripture:

[Revelation 3:15-16](#) — Lukewarm faith warning. [Colossians 3:23](#) — Do everything for the Lord

Follow-up: Where might God be calling you from comfortable to Christ-centered?

2. DRIFT HAPPENS SLOWLY

Quote: *The house illustration showed how neglect leads to fragility.*

> Where do marriages most commonly drift today (communication, prayer, affection, spiritual growth)?

Read & Respond to Scripture:

[Hebrews 2:1](#) — "Pay careful attention... so you do not drift."

[Matthew 7:24-27](#) — Wise builder vs foolish builder

Personal Angle: What small habit could strengthen your "foundation" this week?

3. HAPPINESS vs HOLINESS

Quote: "Marriage isn't primarily about happiness — it's about holiness"

> How does that challenge modern views of marriage?

Read & Respond to Scripture:

[Romans 8:29](#) — Conformed to Christ. [1 Thessalonians 4:3](#) — God's will is holiness.

Discuss: How does pursuing holiness actually deepen joy?

4. LIVING OUT FAITH IN MARRIAGE

Quote: Peter says our lives can "win people over" ([1 Peter 3:1-2](#)).

> Why do actions often speak louder than words in relationships?

Read & Respond to Scripture:

[Matthew 5:16](#) — Let your light shine. [James 1:22](#) — Be doers of the Word.

Application: What's one *Christlike* behavior that impacts your spouse/family most?

5. BIBLICAL SUBMISSION

Quote: *Submission is often misunderstood culturally.*

> How does mutual submission (Ephesians 5:21) reshape this conversation?

Read & Respond to Scripture:

[Ephesians 5:21–25](#). [Philippians 2:3–5](#) — Humility like Christ.

Discuss honestly: What fears or misconceptions do people carry about submission?

6. INNER BEAUTY vs OUTER FOCUS

Quote: *Peter highlights inner beauty over outward appearance.*

> What pressures today push people toward external image over character?

Read & Respond to Scripture:

[1 Samuel 16:7](#) — God looks at the heart. [Proverbs 31:30](#) — Beauty fades, character lasts.

Reflection: How can we intentionally cultivate inner Christlike beauty?

7. GODLY LEADERSHIP IN MARRIAGE

Quote: *Peter calls husbands to understand, protect, honor, and serve.*

> What does servant leadership practically look like today?

Read & Respond to Scripture:

[1 Peter 3:7](#). [Mark 10:45](#) — Jesus came to serve.

Challenge: How does serving rather than controlling strengthen relationships?

8. FORMATION THROUGH TENSION

Quote: *“Tension isn’t always failure — sometimes it’s formation.”*

> How has God used difficulty in relationships to grow you?

Read & Respond to Scripture:

[James 1:2–4](#) — Trials produce maturity. [Romans 5:3–5](#) — Suffering → perseverance → hope

PRAYER (15min)

>> Set aside 15min to Pray together as a group. Break into groups of 3-4 people to enhance this time.

- **Prayer Focus: Where do you need to pray – “Lord, shape me,” not “Lord, fix them”?**
- **Engage these Prayer themes and prompts as you praise God and pray for one another.**
 - > **“THANK YOU”** - Short Prayers of praise and thanks to God (4min)
 - > **“SORRY”** - Short Prayers of confession & repentance. (4min)
 - > **“PLEASE”** - Focused Prayers for God’s help in your life and others. (4min)

FYI

>> Share announcements and confirm your plans for your next Life Group meeting.

- **Project3:15 Apologetics Conference.** Saturday, February 28. Visit mainstreetchurch.ca/project315
- **Together for Good: Marriage Workshop.** Saturday, March 21. mainstreetchurch.ca/marriages to register.