

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **#HASHTAG** Message: **Part 3 - #thegospelchangeseverything**

October 1, 2017



Connect & Check-In (20min)

*Welcome & Opening Prayer

> Invite 1 Group Member to open in Prayer.

*ICEBREAKER

> Share 1 thing you are THANKFUL for today.

> Share 1 thing we don't know about you yet. [something unique, surprising, interesting, funny...]

*NEW GROUPS

> Have 1-2 people share *Their Story* with the Group (5-7min version).

:: *Where you were born, grew-up, your family, schooling/work, interests/hobbies and personal-faith journey...*

Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

*Speaker: Peter Marshall – *President, The Gideons International in Canada.*

1. Sunday Message Recap

What is 1 thing that impacted you from Sunday's Message?

2. The Gideons share God's Word (Bible) all over the World, in a variety of languages.

- Do you speak any other languages? How/Where did you learn that language?
- If you could learn any other language which would you choose & why?

3. The GOSPEL:

If someone were to ask you to describe or explain what The GOSPEL is (in less than 2min),
what would you say?

4. Share the READING of [Ephesians 3](#).

5. **#thegospelchangeseverything**

The word '**Gospel**' means 'to bring/announce Good News'.

The Gospel (of Jesus Christ) is **an agent of transformation**—it changes everything.

How has the Gospel of Jesus Christ changed you or someone you know?

Share one or two things that you have seen as evidence of the gospel working...

6. Pass it On!

- How have you shared these changes in your life with others around you, who don't know Jesus?
- share 1 or 2 examples.
- How could you begin or continue to share these changes with others?

7. The Great Commission - READ [Matthew 28:18-20](#)

Every follower of Christ has been given this calling and commission – to GO and proclaim/share the Good News of Jesus with others – with our actions and words.

- a. How does Christ's Commission apply to our local context – Chilliwack (home, work, school, community)?
- b. How does it apply to opportunities we have beyond our local borders?

Application

ASK & IMAGINE - READ [Ephesians 3:20](#) again.

a. How might this verse encourage and challenge us as Christ-Followers to think differently about sharing the Hope of the Gospel?

b. What are the things that hold us back (distracting or discouraging us) from *asking, imagining, praying and actively sharing* the Gospel?

> Share & Discuss a few examples as a Group.

c. How can we encourage & equip one another to GROW in this area of our faith and living?

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* **BONUS:** On your own this week.

Scripture: Read – Journal – Pray through the Book of Ephesians this week. 1 Chapter/day.

Video: [The Bible Project - Ephesians](#) (YouTube)

Exercise: Write out a 5min (or less) version of your faith-story/testimony.

- how you came to know JESUS as your Lord & Savior, and how He's changing your life.
- ask your Group if you can practice sharing it on them.

Prayer (20min)

* **#PRAY** - [you can pray for the person on your right, or break into groups of 3-4, or men & women]

1. In response to Ephesians 3, the Gospel Discussion and Application Answers -- PRAY for one another.

2. Invite the Group to share 1-2 other specific Prayer requests.

: Keep the request descriptions focused – without extensive back story.

- *I need Prayer for* _____.

- *I would like to Pray for* _____.

Announcements

OUR NEXT LIFE GROUP MTG

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____
_____ is on for SNACK!

Pre-SERVICE PRAYER – with Pastor Shawn & Pastor Eryn.

Every Sunday. Anytime between 8:15am-8:45am. Prayer Room. Everyone is welcome.

THANKSGIVING Special Offering: **CHRISTMAS HOPE** Campaign

Sun. October 8. Both Services.

Our goal for our **CHRISTMAS HOPE Campaign** (formerly *Hunger to Hope Campaign*) is to raise **\$50,000!**

***\$30,000** to provide 100 Hampers to families in need in our community.

***\$20,000** to provide special support-gifts to local agencies (schools, Christian ministries)

SET FREE Retreat

October 20-21 (Fri. evening & all-day Saturday). **Main Street Chapel.** www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free

*We encourage everyone to do a Set Free Retreat every couple of years, so go again if it's been awhile.

MAIN STREET WOMEN: Mentoring Workshop

Sat. October 28. 9am-4pm (Lunch & Refreshments inc.). Main Street Chapel/Hall/Cafe.

*Guest Speakers: Ann Griffiths & Donna Inglis.

*Cost: **\$35** *Register at Guest Services or through the Church Office.