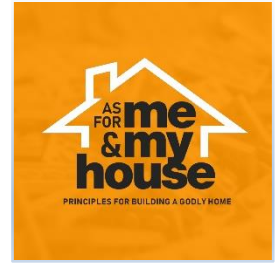


Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

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

Message: **Part 8 – Bloom Where You Are Planted**

June 10, 2018



Connect & Pray (15min)

SUMMER 2018

***What are your plans for staying connected & growing in your relationship with JESUS this Summer?**

: Bible Reading Plan : Prayer/Journaling : Personal Devotions Time.

***How can we PRAY for you (& your family) this Summer?** Break into smaller groups to pray for one another.

Sunday Message Feedback (40min)

***Speaker:** Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor

1.
 - a. Looking over your life...what is 1 or 2 things you regret giving up on?
 - b. Is there anything you can think of that you wish you kept practicing, working, learning, etc...?
2. **Message Feedback:** What is one thing that impacted you from Sunday's Message?
3. Read [Philippians 4:11-13](#)
 - a. Can you think of some things that make it hard to find contentment today? Discuss.
 - b. In what area of your life do you find it hard to be content?
4. **Do you remember what Shawn said about "Contentment?"** (He explained that this phrase that Paul communicates means that he had learned how to COPE with his circumstances).
Does that understanding change your understanding of what it means to be content in all circumstances?
If so – how? Discuss.
5. Take a minute and think back on the various seasons of your life.
 - a. Do you remember a time when you felt particularly content?
 - b. Which situations or experiences contributed to those feelings?
 - c. Now take a moment and think of a time when you were NOT content.
How do you think contentment could have been possible even in that situation?
6. Read [1 Corinthians 7:10-40](#)
 - a. There is a lot of information in this passage of Scripture regarding relationships, singleness, marriage and divorce. However, the primary context of this passage has to do with contentment and **"blooming where you are planted."**

- b. How do you see the message of contentment communicated by Paul in this passage?
- c. Why is living with contentment so important when it comes to our families?
How do **Philippians 4:11-13** and **1 Corinthians 7:10-40** speak to the issues of discontent you may have or have had when it comes to your family? What is the lesson God wants to teach you?

7. Read [Matthew 6:19-21](#)

How can an understanding of this temporary life and the reality of eternity and heaven help us “bloom where we are planted?”

- 8. When life is good, being content with where we are planted isn’t all that difficult. However, when our circumstances are tough, it’s another story. What resources do you find in the following passages that can help you cope with, handle, or even grow through a hard season in life? Identify and discuss them:
 - a. [John 14:25-27](#)
 - b. [Philippians 4:6-7](#)
 - c. [Ecclesiastes 4:9-12](#)

Application & Prayer (15min)

Write & Pray

- : 1-2 areas that you are struggling being content in.
- : 3 things that you are Thankful for.
- : Thank God for those 3 things.
- : Prayerful surrender your areas of discontentment and ask God for His peace & joy.
- : Pray for the other members of your Life Group.

Read/Journal & Pray through the Book of Philippians this week.

EXPLORE – Resources to consider.

The Bible Project : Philippians (YouTube) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE9qqW1-BkU>

Scripture: <http://www.openbible.info/topics/contentment>

Announcements

FATHER’S DAY SUNDAY

Sun. June 17.

PRAYER SUMMIT

Sun. June 24. Final Summit of the Summer.