

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: **I LOVE MY CHURCH – Part 2**

January 13, 2019



Connect (15min) – Share refreshments.

HIGHLIGHT – Share one highlight from your week and one thing we don't know about yet.

FOCUS - Invite 1 Person to Read [Romans 10:9-15](#) & then Open in Prayer.

JESUS, help us to understand, apply and share the Good News of Who You Are, and What You've Done.

Help us to be a Movement of strong, beautiful, moving feet! For Your Glory and in Your Great Name, Amen!

PrayFirst (15-20min)

January 7-27, 2019

***Share some highlights, feedback or questions from your PrayFirst experience this past week:**

- a. What jumped out at you from your Devotional time in the Pray First Devotional? *Reading/Journaling/Prayer*
- b. How were you encouraged, surprised, challenged or changed?
- c. What are you looking forward to and praying for this week?

***You can always join in this week. Be intentional and plan out your week with Jesus.**

Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

***Speaker:** Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor. **Message:** *I LOVE MY CHURCH* – Part 2.

1. **What jumped out at you from Sunday's message?** What got you thinking?
Do you have any initial questions or feedback?
2. **Monuments & Movements**
 - a. Have you ever visited a famous Monument of some kind? What was it? What are few famous monuments in the world that you know of? What are Monuments generally for and about?
 - b. Have you ever attended the Grand Opening of something?
Is it still around? Has it grown? Why or Why not?
3. **What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word Church?**
Have you ever thought of the Church (locally & globally) as a movement? Why/why not?
In many ways the Church is the greatest Movement in Human History.
4. **Read [Matthew 16:13-20](#) again** (We read it last week as well)
 - a. What is the Promise that Jesus makes about His Church in this passage?
 - b. What have you been taught or understood Jesus to be saying in this passage?
Is Peter being referred to or is what Peter said being referred to by Jesus?
 - c. What is Jesus talking about when He says, "The GATES of Hell will not conquer it..."
How does that promises encourage you?

5. **Church History** illustrates how easy it is for the Church to lose focus, stop moving, and become a monument.
 - a. What are some ways we make the church into a monument rather than a movement?
 - b. Do you ever think the local church will become unnecessary? Why/why not?
 - c. Why do we tend to gravitate towards monuments rather than keep moving forward? Discuss.
6. READ [Matthew 29:18-20](#); [Acts 1:1-8](#) – **The Resurrected Jesus started at Movement! The Disciples and early Christians were willing to live & die for the truth and purpose of Christ’s death & resurrection.**
 - a. How does this verse apply to you personally?
 - b. How have you been a witness of the Resurrected (Living) Jesus in your life?
7. **If Christ’s Church began as a Movement, how do you see the Church moving forward today?**

Application & Prayer (15-20min)

*CONSIDER:

Is our church genuinely reaching lost people in our City?

> Transfer growth from other churches doesn’t count.

Is our church effectively reaching the next generation?

> If young people & young adults are staying away from your church, that’s a dangerous sign of a monument.

How many have been Baptized in the last few years?

> Reflecting and new personal decisions for Christ.

Does your church accurately reflect the growing ethnic mix of your surrounding community?

> Christ called us to reach all peoples, not just those that look like us.

Are you hearing stories of recent life-change?

> The greatest sign of a movement is forward spiritual progress in the lives of people. Stories of recent life-change are a great indicator of this. Life Group is a great place to share and experience this life-change.

“We’re here on a Missions Trip, for 90 years... This (Life) is a Missions Trip; This is War; and we know that spiritual powers are against us, this is why we Pray.” – Nick Vujicic.

***YOUR MOVE:** How can you personally, and we as a group, continue to be a part of the fulfilment of Jesus promise to “Build His Church”? -- Be specific. What role or part is Jesus asking you to do?

*PRAY TOGETHER - In response to our focus & discussion

How can we Pray for you and our Church during this week/month of Prayer & Fasting?

Who is one person on your prayer list that needs to be Saved? -- Pray for them by name together.

For Further Study:

1. Engage JESUS through your [PrayFirst Booklet](#) this week.

2. CHURCH on the MOVE -- Read the Book of [Acts](#) or Watch [The Bible Project’s Luke-Acts Miniseries](#) on YouTube.

<http://www.openbible.info/topics/mission>

<https://youtu.be/1m54C4AfDo> - Watch Nick Vujicic at First Conference 2019 - Gateway Church.

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2016/july/20-truths-from-church-as-movement-by-jr-woodward-and-dan-wh.html>

- The Church as Movement

Announcements

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

Sunday Morning Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:15am in the Care Centre.

Wednesday Morning “Drop-In” Prayer

January 16 & 23. 7am-9am in the Chapel.

Day of Prayer

Wed. January 16th. 6am-5pm (anytime) – in the Chapel.

Next Steps

Sun. January 20th. 12:15pm-1:30pm. Conf.Room A. *Learn more about the Who-What-When-Where-Why-How* of Main Street Church and how you can connect and serve with us. Register online or at Guest Services.

Supper & The Summit

Sun. January 27th. Light Supper at 5pm. Worship-Prayer-Communion at 6pm.

Partnership Class

Sun. February 10th. 6pm-8pm. Chapel. Learn about how you can Partner with the life and ministry of Main Street Church. Register online or at Guest Services.