Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: RE:PETE Message: "BRB – BE RIGHT BACK" – 2 Peter 3.

December 2, 2018



Connect (15min) – Share refreshments.

GROUP PHOTO – Take a Group Photo to send into Pastor Eryn for the Year End video.

OPEN - Read Isaiah 7:14 & John 1:1-18. Listen to Light of the World — by Lauren Daigle. Then Open in Prayer. "KING JESUS, You are Emmanuel — God With Us. We celebrate your arrival at Christmas, we celebrate your sacrifice & victory at Easter. Help us to anticipate and live in light of your Return. Amen."

December with Jesus (15min)

- *The Reason for the Season: What is 1 way that the Truth of Jesus makes CHRISTMAS special for you?
- *Advent Season: Do you have a reading/devotional plan for this Advent Season (December)?

Sunday Message Feedback (50min)

- *Speaker: Shawn Vandop Lead Pastor. Message: BRB 2 Peter 3.
- 1. What is one of the Biggest Surprises you have ever experienced? Share.
- 2. Read 2 Peter 3:1-10
 - a. What jumps out at you from this passage?
 - **b.** How often do you think about the Lord's return? Why do you think we tend to live our lives forgetting about it?
 - c. What are some ways that we can remind and refocus ourselves concerning Christ's Return?
- 3. a. When you hear the term "<u>Last Days</u>" what comes to mind?
 > The 'Last Days' of Shopping before Christmas? The 'Last Days' of your life? The 'End of the World'?
 - **b.** Do you think we are living in the "Last Days"? Why/why not?
- 4. Read Matthew 24:36-44
 - **a.** How prepared are you for the return of Christ? Is it something that you look forward to expectantly or something you dread? Why?
 - **b.** We don't know the day or the hour of Jesus return but yet Jesus tells us to prepare for His return (v.42). How do you prepare for something you don't know when is going to happen? How does Jesus tell us to prepare?
- 5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 - a. What confuses or concerns you about Jesus' Return? What encourages you?
 - **b.** Shawn mentioned that the coming of Jesus will "either be the best day of your life or the worst day of your life" What did he mean by this? (Read <u>1 Thessalonians 5:3</u>).

6. Read Titus 2:11-14 & Revelation 21:1-5

The Christ Child of Christmas is Returning as King of Kings. We have read the words of Jesus, Peter, Paul & John in Scripture. Each of them make it clear that Jesus Christ is alive and returning.

They seek to inspire expectation, dedication and transformation in us.

- a. What are you most excited about when you think about being in Heaven with Jesus?
- b. In light of Christ's Return & Eternity, what are 1 or 2 changes that you need to make in your life?
- 7. Read <u>2 Peter 3:9</u> God loves us so much that He has delayed Jesus' return so that as many people as possible can put their trust in Him.
 - *Who in your life doesn't know the Love of Jesus?
 - *How can you pray for them & share that love with them this week?

Application & Prayer (15min)

- 1. **Ask Jesus** to make you more aware of the fact that He could come back at any moment. **Be intentional** about living that way.
- 2. **Spend Time** this week praying for the people in your life who don't know Jesus, and pray that God will give you a sense of urgency to share His love with them. Be bold in starting conversations about faith with them this week and take the opportunity to invite them to church or to watch online.
- 3. PRAY TOGETHER: Break into smaller groups. Pray for the person on your right.
 - a. Pray for the Impact of Christ's Return in their life.
 - b. Pray for one of the people in their life who needs to be Saved by Jesus.

Announcements

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

Christmas HOPE Hampers

Christmas Tales – Outreach Event – with Justyn Rees & the Russ Rosen Band.

December 6&7. 7pm - Main Street Chapel. Tickets are \$10 - available at Guest Services & the Church Office.

Sunday, December 23rd – "Christmas Sweater Sunday"

1 SERVICE ONLY. 10:45am – Wear your favorite or funniest Christmas Sweater.

Mon. December 24th - Christmas EVE Services

Mon. December 24th. SERVICE TIMES - 2:30pm / 4:00pm / 6:30pm. https://mainstreetchurch.ca/christmas-eve

^{*}Our List of Hamper Referrals is FULL.

^{*}To Volunteer please contact Colleen Walker & Heather Procee at <a href="mailto:chiral-right:chiral-right: chiral-right:ch

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