

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

EASTER

April 16, 2017



Connect (15min)

* **EASTER Highlight:** Share 1-2 Highlights from your Easter Weekend.

Sunday Message Feedback (30min)

* **Pastor Shawn** will resume our LIFE 101 series in 1 Peter next week.

- 1. EASTER is Delicious!** Which 'Easter Food/Treat' is your favorite?
(eg. Cadbury Easter Eggs, Other Easter Chocolate or Candy, Ham, Lamb, Other...)
- 2. EASTER Through My Ages:**
How has your understanding & experience with **GOOD FRIDAY** & **EASTER** changed over the years to this past weekend? (in terms of purpose, meaning and impact in your life)
- 3. MESSAGE Feedback:** What impacted you most from the Good Friday message or Sunday's message?
Did anyone have a friend or family member join you that you had invited? How was their experience?
- 4. Share the Reading of [John 11:1-44](#)**
 - What impacts you the most from this story? What encourages you? What challenges you? Why?
 - How do you think this experience impacted those who witnessed and experienced it?
 - How would you personally respond to Jesus' profound statement and question in vv.25-26?

²⁵ Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Your Name?"

5. Share the Reading of [1 Corinthians 15](#)

- Why is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ so crucial, so pivotal, so transformational...
in history, and in/for your life?

The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits,' the pioneer of life,' He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man & woman. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. – C.S. Lewis.

- How does this chapter in Paul's letter to the Corinthians encourage & challenge us today?
- Who else in your life needs to hear and believe this Good News? How might Jesus change them?

Communion & Prayer (25min)

***Reflection:** Watch/Listen to one of these versions of the Communion Song – *Remembrance*. (on YouTube)

- a. [The Passion of the Christ – The Last Supper](#). with Matt Maher.
- b. [Remembrance \(Communion Song\)](#) – with Matt Redman, featuring the Bible Series.

Other Song Options: [Forever](#) (Kari Jobe), [When I Survey](#) (Tim Hughes), [I Will Boast in Christ](#) (Hillsong)

***Read [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#) - Celebrate COMMUNION as a Group & Give Thanks to God.**

(Leaders: refer to the Basic Communion Guide included in the LG WEEKLY email)

***Read [John 16:33](#) - PRAY for one another in Jesus' Name.**

JESUS, You have overcome _____ for me, for us.

JESUS, In Your Name, we that you would help _____ overcome _____!

Resources

For a larger list of Resources on the topic of [EASTER](#) please contact Pastor Eryn at the church office.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 52:13-15; Isaiah 53; Matthew 26-28; Mark 14-16; Luke 22-24; John 18-21; 1 Corinthians 15; Philippians 2:5-11.

Alpha: Sessions 2 ([Who is Jesus?](#)) & 3 ([Why Did Jesus Die?](#))

Movie (currently playing at Cineplex in Abbotsford): [The Case for Christ](#)

The Bible Project: [‘The Messiah’](#), [‘Sacrifice & Atonement’](#), [‘The Gospel of the Kingdom’](#)
[It’s Friday but Sunday’s Coming](#) & [That’s My King](#) – with Dr. S.M. Lockridge

Book: [Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels](#). – by J. Warner Wallace

Seminar: [The Resurrection Evidence that Changed a Generation of Scholars](#). – (Video) with Dr. Gary Habermas

OneMinuteApologist: various short videos with top scholars on the [Topic of the Resurrection](#).

Songs: [Forever](#) (Kari Jobe), [When I Survey](#) (Tim Hughes), [I Will Boast in Christ](#) (Hillsong)

Announcements

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat. April 29. 9am. Conference Hall & Café. Tickets on Sale at Guest Services or through the Church Office. \$5.

BAPTISM Celebration

Sun. May 7. 6pm. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

MAN BREAKFAST

Sat. May 13. 8am. Conference Hall & Café. Tickets on Sale in late-April. \$5.