

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

EASTER 2018

April 1, 2018



Connect & Pray (25min)

*Icebreaker: Choose one option.

1. In light of April Fool's Day - Play [2 Truths & a Lie](#) as a Group.
: [Two Truths & a Dream Wish](#) is another variation of this game.
2. Share a Highlight from your EASTER Weekend. What is 1 thing you're looking forward to in APRIL?

*Opening Prayer: Let's begin our time together with Praise & Thanks to GOD. [Use short sentence prayers]

DECLARE – (5-10min)

*JESUS, because of You _____.

ASK – (5-10min)

*JESUS, because You _____ we ASK _____.

Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

*Speaker: Pastor Shawn Vandop.

1. **The Last 3 Weeks** we have asked God to "Search Me, Change Me & Send Me."
How have the *Dangerous Prayers* (Search Me, Change Me, Send Me) impacted you?
2. **Message Feedback:** What is one thing that jumped out to you from EASTER Sunday's Message?
*Did you ever have a toy like Pastor Shawn's 'punching-bag clown' – that just kept popping back up?
3. **IMAGINE** that you were one of Christ's disciples or close followers during His life/ministry on earth -- before the Cross -- without knowledge, experience or understanding of the Resurrection:
 - a. How might You have first responded (in belief & action) to His words (e.g. John 14:6) and miracles?
 - b. How might You have responded (in belief & action) during His arrest, torture and crucifixion?
 - c. How might You have responded (in belief & action) after His death & burial?
 - d. How might You have responded (in belief & action) to the early reports that He was seen alive?
 - e. How might You have responded (in belief & action) when you encountered the risen Christ?
4. Read [1 Corinthians 15:13-23](#)
Pastor Shawn said that **the Resurrection is the central event in human history is the centre/foundation of Christianity** – it's really ALL or NOTHING. **How/Why** is the (historical) Resurrection of Jesus so essential to the understanding and applying the words and works of Jesus?

5. How do these samples of Scripture on the Resurrection encourage us in this life and the life to come?

*Read [John 11:25](#)

*Read [Romans 6:4](#)

*Read [1 Peter 1:3-5](#)

*Read [Romans 8:11, 31-39](#).

6. "It's FRIDAY" (The Cross) < BUT > "Sunday's a Comin'" (The Resurrection)

a. GOOD FRIDAY: What is 1 one way that the CROSS of Christ challenges or connects with you?

b. EASTER SUNDAY: What are 1-2 ways that the RESURRECTION of Christ has changed or inspired you?

7. God is Bigger, Stronger & Victorious over whatever holds us down.

Finish the following statement and then explain your answer:

"Because the Resurrection of Christ is TRUE... _____"

Application & Prayer (15min)

- **MEMORIZE** - Commit to memorizing this verse this week: [John 11:25](#)
- **PRAY**: Invite your group to complete this prayer with their own praise and requests to God.

"JESUS – because You defeated sin & death and are ALIVE today..."

*Once your group has worked through this Prayer, take time to pray for any other specific/personal prayer requests. Keep the sharing/story-telling short & clear and get down to praying for one another.

- **CHALLENGE** – Investigate the historical evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus for yourself (& others).

Resources to consider and explore:

[The Case for Christ](#). By Lee Strobel (his story was recently released in the movie of the same name).

: (3min Easter message with Lee Strobel) <https://vimeo.com/258727593/e77fbecf87>

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

[The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus](#). By Dr. Gary Habermas.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/oneminuteapologist/search?query=resurrection>

<https://youtu.be/3dEh25pduQ8> (The Bible Project: Messiah)

<https://crossexamined.org/?s=resurrection>

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

<https://reflectionsbyken.wordpress.com/2018/03/27/a-dozen-evidences-for-the-resurrection-of-jesus>

Life Group – Spring 2018

There are 3 months of Life Group season remaining (April-June) before the Summer break (July/Aug).

>> Please discuss and confirm the following with your Life Group for the Spring Season.

***Group Commitment:** Are you willing & able to commit to our Group for the Spring Season.

[good attendance, communication & participation is essential]

***Meeting Dates for April-June.** Including time/location, snack-duty, and any weeks with special focus/plans.

[potluck/communion times, social or serving events]

***Looking Ahead – Fall 2018.**

: are you planning on returning as a Leader? (Yes, No, Undecided)

: are there any potential Life Group Leaders in your Group? If so, what steps do they need to take...?

Announcements

SET FREE Retreat

April 20&21. Friday 5:30pm-9pm / Saturday 9am-7pm. \$40/person.

Register Online: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free

MAIN STREET WOMEN: *Wonder Weekend*

Fri/Sat April 27&28. Details to be announced soon.

PRAYER SUMMIT

Sun. April 29. 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Auditorium. *Worship – Prayer – Communion.*

MAIN STREET MEN: *MAN BREAKFAST*

Sat. May 5. 9am. Main Street Church - Conference Hall. Tickets - \$5 (available in April)

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. June 3. During the Morning Services. Info & Registration - www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

PARTNERSHIP CLASS

Sun. June 3. 6pm-8pm - www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership