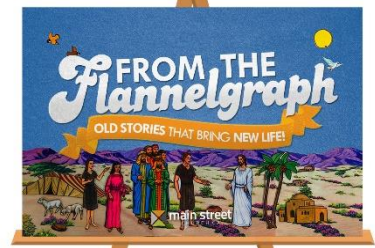


# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **FROM THE FLANNELGRAPH**

Message: **Part 1 - JONAH**

February 4, 2018



## Connect & Check In (25min)

### \*Welcome & Opening Prayer

> Let's begin our time together with Praise & Thanks to GOD.

[Use "popcorn prayers" (short statements) to Praise, Thank and Invite GOD...]

1. **PRAISE GOD** (3min) - **GOD**, I Praise You for/because...

2. **THANK GOD** (3min) - **GOD**, I Thank You for...

3. **INVITE GOD** (3min) - **GOD**, we Invite You to...(teach, counsel, encourage, convict, lead, transform...)

### \*ICEBREAKER

> What was your **Favorite Bible Story** as a kid? Or which one do you remember learning about first?

If it's changed as an adult, what's your current favorite?

> Sunday's Bible Story was from the Book & Life of JONAH - who tried to run away to a far off land...

a. Did you ever Run Away as a kid? Briefly share your story.

b. If you had to take a ship to a far off land, with no plan to return, where would you choose to travel to?

> **Optional:** Watch [The Bible Project: JONAH](#) Video (YouTube) – 9min.

## Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

\***Speaker:** Pastor Shawn Vandop.

1. [Jude 1:1-2](#) - *I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love.*

**Have you ever considered that God has a calling on your life?** Do you believe that God has called you? Why/why not?

2. Read the following Scriptures out loud (ask your group to think about what these verses have to say to them about calling and being chosen by God as they listen).

a. [John 15:16](#)

b. [Luke 6:12-13](#)

c. [John 17:6](#)

d. [Luke 10:1](#)

e. [Jeremiah 1:5](#)

f. **How do these verses speak to you about Gods calling on our lives?**

### 3. Read [Jonah 1](#) – Jonah Runs from God

- a. Have you ever run away from what God was asking or telling you to do? Why?
- b. Can you think of any other people in Scripture who ran away from God's call on their life?

### 4. Pastor Shawn said, *"...for the most part I think most people are very interested in God's calling upon their lives. We want to know what God wants – we all want a sense of vocation and mission to our lives. But here is the issue – when it comes to God's calling we often want it on our terms."*

- a. Do you agree with this statement?
- b. What does it mean for us to want "God's calling on our terms"?

### 5. WHY DO WE RUN?

If God is real why do so many people run from Him? Why is it so futile to try and run away from God?

Read [Psalm 139:7-12](#)

### 6. IMAGINE: What do you think would happen if every Christ follower Chose to Run to God and embraced the truth that they have been loved & called by God? Discuss.

### 7. Read [1 Peter 2:9](#) – For You Are...

- a. How does this verse encourage you in your calling?
- b. How would your life change if you applied the truth of this Scripture?

## Application & Prayer (20min)

\* **APPLY:** *So encourage one another and build each other up...* [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#)

**Run to God!** What is your plan for personal devotions with God this week or month?

\*Which book, focus or reading plan will you use? \*Do you have a set time/place that works for you?

\*How can we encourage or pray for you in this area?

\* **PRAY FIRST Survey:** Please complete the online PRAY FIRST Survey: <https://mainstreetchurch.ca/prayer>

\* **PRAY:** Pastor Shawn highlighted our Church Prayer Goals for 2018. Here they are again:

### We Ask You Lord...

- To shape and grow my character in 2018 by helping me be more intentional in practicing the spiritual disciplines of Prayer, Bible Reading and Journaling.
- To awaken us to the power of prayer and bring an increase in attendance to our monthly Prayer Summits.
- To provide \$100,000 in Christmas Hope Giving that will meet needs in our community and around the world.
- To empower us to persistently pray for and share our faith with at least one person in 2018 that you put on our heart.
- Break into pairs or groups of 3-4 people to Pray for these Goals and for one another in response to what's been shared.

# Announcements

## NEXT STEPS

**Sun. February 18.** 12:15pm-1:30pm. Conference Room A. Lunch & Childcare provided.

Info & Registration - [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/next-steps](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/next-steps)

\*Learn the basics of Main Street Church (the *who, what, when, where, why & how*), our ministry areas & serving opportunities.

## MAIN STREET WOMEN: Coffee & Conversation Event

**Sat. February 24.** 7pm-8:30pm. FREE. Conference Hall & Café. Register at Guest Services or through the Office.

## PRAYER SUMMIT

**Sun. February 25.** 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Auditorium. *Worship – Prayer – Communion.*

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

**Sun. March 4.** During the Morning Services. Info & Registration - [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism)

## SET FREE RETREAT

**April 20-21.** Info & Registration - [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free)

\*Go for the first time, or if it's been a year or two for you.