

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: **WHO IS IN CHARGE?**

March 31, 2019



Connect (15min) – Share refreshments.

***ICEBREAKER** : Finish this statement -- *“If I was King/Queen of the World I would _____ !!”*

*Read [1 Chronicles 29:10-20](#) and invite one person to open in Thanksgiving to God & Prayer for the Group.

Sunday Message Feedback (35-45min)

***Speaker**: Dean Orrell – Worship Pastor. Message: WHO IS IN CHARGE?

1. *“I think everyone should get rich and famous and everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it’s not the answer.”*
– Jim Carrey (the Star of *Bruce Almighty*).

“(YOUR NAME) ALMIGHTY” - Have you seen or heard of the movie – *Bruce Almighty*?

In that movie a self-centered news reporter, named Bruce, is given the blessing & burden of having God’s powers for a few days. He learns a lot about God, himself and others through the crazy challenges and choices he faces.

***How do you think you would manage that kind of power for a week?**

2. An Issue of Authority & An Issue with Authority

a. Do you prefer to be in charge or to let others be in charge? Share a few pros & cons with each position.

b. What are some of the options for Authority in our world & universe? Who’s in Charge, and does it matter?

Do you believe that there is a sovereign supreme being (God) in charge of the universe,
or is it simply *random chance, the law of the jungle, survival of the fittest...*?

c. What are some common issues that people have with authority, and even God’s Authority?

3. CHRIST’S Claim on Authority

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about JESUS: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

– C.S. Lewis.

“If you pick and choose what you want to believe and reject the rest, how will you ever have a God who can contradict you?”

– [Tim Keller](#).

“God as a vending machine is bad theology, especially when you drop your dollar in and the candy bar doesn’t come out.”

– [Carey Nieuwhof](#).

“God is the most important, most valuable, most satisfying, most all-encompassing, and most relevant reality in the world.”

– [John Piper](#).

“I decided early to give my life to something eternal and absolute; not to these little gods that are here today and gone tomorrow, but to God who is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

– Martin Luther King Jr.

***Read a few of the claims of Jesus:**

[Matt. 28:18](#); [John 6:35](#); [John 8:12](#); [John 8:58](#); [John 10:7](#); [John 10:30-33](#); [John 11:25](#); [John 14:6](#); [John 15:5](#); [Rev.1:8, 17-18](#)

a. Can you recall some of the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled, and things He said and did that affirm His claim & identity as the Messiah (Savior King/God)?

b. Based on what we’ve just read and shared, what should our response to JESUS be?

4. Game of Thrones: Read [John 18:28-40](#) – Jesus’ Trial Before Pilate.

*“*Does truth exist? If someone says ‘there’s no truth’ you should say ‘Is that true?’ Does God exist? If there’s no God, then all behaviors are merely a matter of preference and opinion.*” – [Frank Turek](#).

*One of the primary reasons why Jesus was arrested and crucified is He claimed to be God (which threatened the Jews) and King (which threatened the Romans).

a. How does JESUS’ presence, power and authority challenge the “*Truths & Thrones*” of our lives and culture?

b. So, who’s in charge of your life? What does mean for you and I personally -- to acknowledge, embrace and follow JESUS CHRIST as God & King? What are the challenges, benefits & responsibilities?

*“*Being a Kingdom Man/Woman means being willing to submit yourself to the KING that made you a Man/Woman.*”
– [Jonathan Evans](#).

5. The King’s Truth

*Pastor Dean explained *the Gospel* (the Good News of Jesus) using a series of scriptures called *The Romans Road*.

Read and then discuss how these statements clarify/define reality and encourage us to respond:

[Romans 3:10](#) > [Romans 3:23](#) > [Romans 5:8](#) > [Romans 6:23](#) > [Romans 10:9-10](#) > [Romans 10:13](#)

Application & Prayer (15min)

1. Video Option: [That’s My King](#) [<https://youtu.be/yzqTFNfeDnE>] – 3min.

2. Based on Sunday’s Message and our Discussion...how can we Pray for you this week?

3. Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men/women) and Pray for one another.

Announcements

OUR NEXT LG MEETING: Date/Time/Location & Snack

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Fri. April 19. One Service at 10am.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Fri. April 21. 9am & 10:45am

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. April 28. During the Sunday Services. Register online: <https://mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism>

SET FREE RETREAT

May 3-4. Friday 5:30pm-9pm / Saturday 9am-7pm. \$40. Info & Registration: <https://mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free>

MAIN STREET WOMEN - Events

MSW: *Dinner En Blanc*

Sat. April 13th. \$15 Tickets available on Sunday or through the Church Office.

Ladies – please join us for delicious desserts and light appies as Guest Speaker Grace Fox shares a message on Redemption.

MSW: *Armor of God Study*

Thursdays, April 25-June 6. 7pm. Conference Rm A. Contact [Janine Schaefer](#) for more info.

MSW: *Breathe ~ Worship-Rest-Prayer*

Sat. June 1st. 7pm, Main Street Chapel. A special worship night led by Darlene Pedrosa.

***Facebook Page:** Women - Join our [Main Street Women](#) facebook group.

MAIN STREET MEN – Events

MSM - *MAN BREAKFAST*

Sat. April 27. 8am-9:30am. Main Street Church – Conference Hall. Tickets - \$5 (Available in April).

MSM – *CAMP DAY*

Sat. June 15. A full day of fun activities, connecting, food and encouragement at Camp Kawkawa (near Hope). Details tba soon.

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