

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **RE:PETE** Message: **Make Every Effort** (2 Peter 1:1-11)

November 11, 2018

RE:PETE CURRENT SERIES
LIVING IN THE HOPE OF JESUS RETURN

Connect (10min) – Share refreshments.

***REMEMBRANCE DAY Reflection:** Have you or any of your family members served in any military?

: If you had to serve in the Armed Forces which branch or area of service would you prefer?

>> Army, Air Force, Navy, Admin, Medical, Military Police, Other...

*Share 1 aspect of living in Canada that you are Thankful for.

November with Jesus (15min)

***What have you been reading or focusing on in your personal devotions last week (Bible /Journaling/Prayer...)?**

*What is 1 thing that you were encouraged or challenged by in that experience?

*Do you have a plan for this week for your personal time with Jesus? Share.

> Each week we will have opportunity check-in and share.

Sunday Message Feedback (50min)

***Speaker:** Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor. **Message:** Make Every Effort – 2 Peter 1:1-11.

1. **OPEN** - Invite 1 Person to Read 2 Peter 3:18 & Open your discussion in Prayer.

*Father God – help us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we meet together.
All Glory to You, both now and forever! Amen.*

2. **NOT ALL SEQUELS ARE EQUAL:** What is your favorite Movie Sequel? What is the worst Movie Sequel?
How do the Movies typically depict Peter (his look & personality)?

3. **2 MINUTE DRILL - PETER:** As a Group – **State as many facts/details about PETER as you can in 2 mins.**

Simon the Son of John / Cephas (Aramaic) & Petros (Greek) = “The ROCK”.

Fisherman – Disciple – Apostle – Martyr. From Bethsaida, Galilee & Capernaum.

From what you know about the Disciple Peter do you see a change/difference in him from when Jesus first called him to this point where he is writing 2nd Peter and is close to death? What kind of changes can you see in his life?
How has he spiritually grown?

4. **LETTER WRITING** has become a lost form of communication, even though we may use email nowadays.

*When is the last time you wrote or received a personal Letter in the mail?

5. **READ RE:PETE**

2 PETER was a Letter written to early Christians. It would initially have been read as an entire letter.

a. (Optional) **WATCH** [The Bible Project Introduction to 2 Peter on YouTube](#) (8min)

b. **SHARE** the **READING** of **2 Peter** as a Group (approx. 10-12mins) – to get the full scope of Peter’s Letter.

6. RE:PETE Reaction

a. What is your initial reaction to Peter's intense & loving Letter to Christ-Followers?

A key theme of 2nd Peter is to prepare believers to stand firm in their faith and to live in the hope of Jesus return. While we wait for Jesus to come back Peter encourages his readers to be productive and fruitful with their lives and to not give up.

b. When was the last time you thought about JESUS coming back one day? Discuss.

c. Why do you think we don't think much about Christ's Return?

7. Spiritual Growth – Training with *The ROCK*

***Peter experienced a process of transformation & spiritual growth through his relationship with Jesus.**

a. Why is spiritual growth important to having a faith that is strong and lasting? Discuss.

b. Why do you think God designed spiritual growth to be a journey? Discuss.

c. Do you ever get frustrated in your journey of spiritual growth? Why?

d. How might the following verses encourage one who's frustrated with their spiritual growth process?

[John 16:33](#)

[Galatians 6:9](#)

[1 Peter 2:1-3](#)

[2 Corinthians 1:3-4](#)

[Philippians 1:6](#)

8. Make Every Effort to Respond to God's Promises

Pastor Shawn mentioned that *our faith is often a progression with one step building upon another.*

From time to time, it can be good to take a hard look at these steps in our life and ask ourselves how we're doing. As you go through the progressions in the verses below, rate yourself on each step from 1-5, with 5 being "I'm doing great" and 1 being "I need a lot of work." Read [2 Peter 1:4-8](#)

a. *Moral Excellence* b. *Knowledge* c. *Self-Control* d. *Patient Endurance* e. *Godliness* f. *Affection & Love*

*Share 1 that you feel strongest in and 1 that needs a stronger step or response?

Application & Prayer (20min)

A. Encourage One Another & Build Each Other UP!

On Sunday, we learned that it's important to "[add to](#)" and "[increase](#)" godly qualities in our life.

As simple as that sounds, it can be easy to forget as life gets busy. Which one or two things, if increased or added to your daily routine, might have the most impact on your relationship with God?

B. PRAYER: Break into group of 3-4 or Men & Women.

*Use the answers to the question above as prayer points for one another.

C. READ &/or LISTEN through [2 Peter](#) again this week.

Bonus Resources:

[The Bible Project Introduction to 2 Peter on YouTube](#)

www.gotquestions.org/Book-of-2-Peter.html

www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/peter-simon

www.gotquestions.org/life-Peter.html

Announcements

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

MAIN STREET WOMEN: Pancakes & Possibilities – GOD IS ABLE

Sat. November 17th – 9:30am-11:15am. Main Street Church – Conference Hall. Childcare provided.

\$5 Tickets available on Sundays or through the Church Office.



Christmas HOPE Campaign – We have completed and surpassed our goal -- raising \$105,000! THANK YOU!

*There are about 20 spots remaining for Hamper referrals from people in our Church.

Visit <http://mainstreetchurch.ca/christmas-hope> for forms or contact Pastor Eryn.

*To Volunteer please contact Colleen Walker & Heather Procee at christmashopecampaign@gmail.com

*Hampers will be delivered (D-DAY) on Sat. December 15th - starting at 10am from the Chapel. Prep-days will be that week leading up to it.

Supper & The Summit

November 25th. 5pm- Dinner (FREE). 6pm – Worship, Communion & Prayer (Kids Summit for ages 2-Gr.4).

* We need 1 Life Group to serve for Clean Up. 7:30pm-8:30pm. (we still want you to participate in the Summit).

*Please contact Pastor Eryn for more Info. Thank you.

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.

*Tickets are limited and will sell fast!

Christmas EVE Services

Mon. December 24th. SERVICE TIMES - 2:30pm / 4:00pm / 6:30pm.