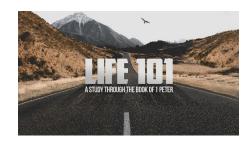
# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: LIFE 101 – 1 Peter

Part 3

February 12, 2017



## Connect (10min)

Open in Prayer: Have one of your Group members Pray for your time together.

\* Say "AMEN" to any of following that you did or experienced during SNOWMAGGEDON last week?

Shoveled my Driveway - Shoveled my neighbor's Driveway - Pushed a Vehicle to Freedom

Missed Work or an Appointment (b/c of snow) — Slept In - Had some kind of (Snow) Accident

Threw a Snowball - Got Hit by a Snowball - Built something out of Snow (what?) — Tobogganed - Built a Fire Read a Book

- Had weather related requests in your Prayers - Binge Watched Netflix/Movies

Snowshoed/Skied/Snowboarded in town - Stayed in your Pajamas all-day — Ate Snow

Connected with Neighbors you've never met or spent time with before

## Check-In (15min)

PrayFirst Recap: Share highlights & feedback from your PRAY FIRST & Prayer Summit experience in January.

(Collect & share the stories/feedback with Pastor Shawn & Pastor Eryn)

## Sunday Message Feedback (35min)

- \* Pastor Shawn continues our LIFE 101 series in 1 Peter.
- 1. When you think of a 'holy person' --- who or what comes to mind? Why?
- **2. Read 1 Peter 1:13-23** (vv.15-16 are key)

**Message Feedback:** Looking back at Sunday's message was their anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

- 3. Pastor Shawn cleared up the definition of holiness by explaining that it means to be "<u>Set Apart</u>."
  How does this change your understanding of holiness? Does it?
- **4. Distorting Holiness:** Shawn talked about a number of different views that distort the meaning of holiness. We tend to distort what God says or we take what God says lightly and view it as optional.
  - \*How do the following verses help give us proper understanding of holiness:
  - a. 1 Corinthians 10:23-24
  - b. Romans 14:19-23
  - c. Galatians 5:13-15
- 5. How might we tend to distort or dismiss holiness in our lives? Explain.

- 6. This week's message pointed out how some of us have been turned off by the idea of being holy because of all the negative associations we have with the word including it being not fun, weird and unpopular among our peers. In reality, there are blessings for those who are set apart.
- 7. \*What picture do the following verses paint that would counter negative associations of the word "holy"?
  - a. Psalm 16:7-11
  - b. Isaiah 40:31
  - c. Psalm 84:11
- **8.** One of the greatest decisions we can make to truly be set apart is to join together with people who are making the same choice (as we do in Life Groups).
  - \*How do the following verses describe what a healthy, set apart community would look like?
  - a. **Proverbs 27:17**
  - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:11
  - c. Ephesians 4:1-3
  - \*Can you think of any examples of how you've experienced the benefits described in the verses above?
- 9. \*OPTIONAL Watch <u>The Bible Project</u> (YouTube Channel): <u>Animated Explanation of God's Holiness</u> (6min) Read the following verses that describe the Holiness of God.
  - a. Isaiah 6:3
  - b. 1 Samuel 2:2
  - c. Exodus 15:11
  - d. Psalm 47:8
  - e. <u>Luke 1:49</u>

# **Application** (15min)

- \*OPTIONAL Listen/Watch to this Worship Song (YouTube): Behold (Then Sings My Soul) (7min)
- \* What steps can you take or do you need to take to live a life that is "set apart?"
- \* How can you begin to view God in light of His holiness in the way you live, worship, speak, act, etc...?
- \* How can we encourage you/one-another in this personal application?

# Prayer (10-15min)

Ask group if there are any specific prayer requests...

- \* Break into groups of 3-4 or Men & Women.
- \* PRAISE God for His Holiness & PRAY for one another in response to your application answers/discussion.

<sup>\*</sup>When you understand that God is Holy (Set Apart), how do these verses impact the way you interact and approach God? Discuss.

## Resources

- \*Scripture on Holiness: https://www.openbible.info/topics/holy, https://www.openbible.info/topics/holiness
- \*The Bible Project (YouTube Channel): Animated Explanation of God's Holiness
- \*Worship Song (YouTube): Behold (Then Sings My Soul) (7min)
- \*Books: The Holiness of God R.C. Sproul. The Pursuit of Holiness -- Jerry Bridges.

### **Announcements**

### **SERVING OPPORTUTNITIES**

Leaders >> Share the February Serving Opportunities list included in the LG WEEKLY email.

Take some time to highlight/celebrate/share the areas of serving your Group is currently involved in (as individuals, or as a group). Encourage those who are not currently serving to step out in a new area of connection & investment.

\*If you have any questions please contact Pastor Eryn.

#### **PARTNERSHIP CLASS**

Sun. February 19. 6pm-8pm. Main Street Chapel. Register online: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership

## **APOLOGETICS CANADA CONFERENCE**

March 4-5. Northview Church, Abbotsford. Info & Registration:

https://www.apologeticscanada.com/conference-2017

#### **BAPTISM** Celebration

Sun. March 5. 6pm. Main Street Auditorium. Info & Application: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

#### **SET FREE Retreat**

April 7-8. Main Street Church. Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free

#### **FRESH START** Finance Course

Wednesdays. May 10-31. Main Street Church. Info & Registration: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/fresh-start