

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Summer Connect Group

July 5, 2017



Connect & Check-In (30min)

*Open in Prayer

*Share your NAME & answers to these questions:

- > How long have you been attending Main Street Church?
- > My favorite flavor of ICE-CREAM is _____.
- > One of my favorite Summer activities is _____.
- > 1 OPPORTUNITY I'm excited about this month/summer is _____.

Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

* Pastor MIKE concluded our *Stories From the Man Cave* series.

1. **It's hard to wait sometimes, yet it is very much a consistent part of our daily lives.**
 - a. If you live to be 80y/o how many of those years will you spend waiting (in line, at a traffic light...)? (A: 3-6yrs)
 - b. What is 1 thing you don't mind waiting for in your everyday life, and why?
 - c. What is 1 thing you really have a hard time waiting for in your everyday life, and why?
 - d. What is 1 thing you had a hard time waiting for, but in the end it was really worth the wait?
2. **Have you ever thought to yourself...hmm, maybe God can teach me something while I wait? If yes, what have you discovered or experienced?**
3. **Read [Lamentations 3:25-26](#); [2 Corinthians 12:8-10](#)**
[For more Scripture on Waiting: http://www.openbible.info/topics/waiting_on_god]
Pastor Mike made the following statements:
 - a. *Waiting is a process of becoming what God wants us to be.*
 - b. *What God does in us (& through us) while we wait is as important as what it is we are waiting for.*
 - c. *Waiting on God pushes us to seek after Him.*
 - d. *Make the most of where God has placed you, even if it's not what you expected or desired. Keep reading & applying His Word, keep praying and seeking God while you wait.*

* **Which of these statements impacts you the most, and why?**
4. **PAUL IN PRISON:** Based on what Pastor Mike shared (or what you already know) from the life of the apostle Paul (in prison...) – what can we learn about redeeming the waiting times in our lives...?
How did Paul make the wait great? How are the following beneficial lessons/experience for us?

a. Waiting on the Lord requires patience and trust.

- i. Waiting means that we give God the benefit of the doubt, that He knows what He is doing.
- ii. Waiting is God's way of seeing if we will trust Him before we move forward.
- iii. Waiting on the Lord allows God to do His specific work us and through us.

b. Waiting on God reminds that God is in control (not us).

- i. Paul used his time in prison to deepen his relationship with God through Scripture, Worship & Prayer.

Application & Prayer (15min)

* **Listen & Reflect** on the song – [Even If – by Mercy Me](#) (official lyric video).

Which times, places or seasons of waiting can you redeem with Jesus and make the waiting something greater (for you and others) than just passing time?

* **PLAN:** **Do you have a plan or focus for your devotions (focused time with Jesus) this Summer?**

How can we encourage or assist you?

* **PRAY** for one another as a Group in response to the message and discussion.

Announcements

SUMMER CONNECT GROUP

Wednesdays. July 5-Aug. 23. 7pm-8:30pm. Main St. Café.

NEXT STEPS

Sun. August 20. 12:15pm-1:30pm. Conference Room A. (Lunch & Childcare provided)

Learn more about the *Who, What, When, Where, Why & How* of Main Street Church.

www.mainstreetchurch.ca/next-steps

FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY & BAPTISMS

Sun. September 10. 9am & 10:45am Services.

www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

GroupLink & LIFE GROUPS

Sun. September 17 (GroupLink). **Life Groups** begin mid-September.

HEARING GOD Workshop

Wednesdays. Sept.20-Oct.18. 7pm-8:30pm. Main Street Chapel.

www.mainstreetchurch.ca/hearing-god