

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

:: Do You SEE What I SEE? – Part 1 – SEEK HIM :: December 6, 2015



## Welcome & Prayer

“Continue seeking God with seriousness. Unless He wanted you, you would not be wanting Him.”

- C.S. Lewis.

When they (the Magi) saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. (Matthew 2:10-11)

**JESUS**, whether they were magicians, astronomers or astrologers... whether there were three, nine or seventeen of them, it makes no difference. The Magi were **wise men** and they show us the way of true wisdom, **because they lead us to You**, not to a library or a school of philosophers.

**You are Emmanuel** – *God With Us* - You are the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father & Prince of Peace that Isaiah prophesied about long ago. You are our Creator, Savior, King & Lord. You knew us, loved us and pursued us first. We THANK YOU & PRAISE YOU! Please fill us with your Holy Spirit and motivate us to actively and obediently seek You this Christmas season. Amen!

## Connect

:: Which Christmas Story (Nativity) character is your favorite, and why?

:: Which Name/Title of the Messiah in **Isaiah 9:6** do you connect with the most, and why?

**Wonderful Counselor – Mighty God – Everlasting Father – Prince of Peace**

## Check In

:: When/How did the 'baby Jesus' of Christmas move from Story & Legend to Savior & Lord for you?

## Sunday Message Feedback

1. What is one 'unique' Christmas **tradition** you have in your home, or grew up with?  
How did your parents/or you as a parent deal with the 'tradition' of things like Santa, the Easter Bunny, Tooth Fairy.....  
(black belt level question – How about the myths of where babies come from?)
2. **Were you surprised to hear that there may not have been just 3 Wise Men?**  
(their names may have been made up and it's not completely clear where they came from)  
  
:: Does it have an impact on how you see the story of Scripture?  
:: Does it make you wonder about other assumptions or traditions regarding the Bible?

**3. Pastor Dean challenged the 'churchy' definition of a Seeker.**

What other 'churchy' words do you think need to be defined/changed/eliminated?  
( Lifegroup Leaders – we would love to hear what your groups had to say about this question!  
Take a moment and email Pastor Eryn and let us know how this question went?)

**4. The question was asked "Did you seek God more before you gave your life to Him, or are you seeking Him more deeply now?"**

:: Would you say that you are excited/pleased/comfortable/frustrated/apathetic...with the way that you are seeking/pursuing God these days?

**Read: Jeremiah 29:12-13 ; Deuteronomy 4:29 ; 2 Chronicles 7:14**

**5. MOTIVATION:** How does Scripture motivate your daily life?

Give an example of a time when you were motivated to do something because of what your read in your Bible that day.

**6. ACTION:** Would you describe yourself as an active Christian or a passive Christian?  
What does an active Christian look like? What does it mean to be a passive Christian?

**7. OBEDIENCE:** When was the last time you stepped out in obedience to God, having no idea what would happen? When has your obedience to God scared you/made you uncomfortable?

## Application & Prayer

\*Break into smaller groups for PRAYER (Men & Women, or groups of 3-4)

**\*What is one act of obedience that you need prayer, motivation and accountability for?**

**:Our last Life Group meeting before Christmas will be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**:Our first Life Group of 2016 will be on \_\_\_\_\_.**

## Coming Up at Main Street Church

:: **D-DAY** – Delivery Day for our Hunger to Hope Christmas Hampers

\* **Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Beginning at 9am in our Chapel** (use back parking lot).

:: **CHRISTMAS EVE Service Times**

\* **3pm \* 5:15pm \* 7pm --- at Main Street Church.**

:: **SUNDAY, December 27<sup>th</sup>.**

\* **One Service – at 10:45am.**

:: **YEAR END PRAYER SUMMIT**

\* **Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 6pm-7:30pm. Chapel.**