

**MESSAGE NOTES: *Sharing the Gospel as Actually Good News***

**SCRIPTURE**  [Colossians 4:2-6](#) NLT

<sup>2</sup> *Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.*

<sup>3</sup> *Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains.*

<sup>4</sup> *Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.*

<sup>5</sup> *Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.*

<sup>6</sup> *Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.*

**>> There are 100's of ways to share God's one objective gospel, so that it sounds like good news to different people in their subjective situations.**

**1. WATCH & PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS (Col 4:2-4)**

-- part of why we don't share the gospel is because we're not asking God for opportunities to do so.

**2. SPEAKING GOOD NEWS TO EACH PERSON (Col 4:4-6)**

-- everyone has different history / struggles / needs. God invites us to listen & love people well enough to show how Jesus is truly good news to each person.

**3. THE BOTTOM LINE**

-- speaking the gospel is hard, but it's worth it, because it's truly good news for all of life -- both for those around you and, also, even for you!

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: *Sharing the Gospel as Actually Good News*


Speaker: Ben Connelly

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# February

## **Connect** (30min)

### 1. CHECK IN

- a.  Read [Isaiah 40:28-31](#) and open with prayer.
- b. Using a scale of 1-10 (poor-excellent) -- how are you this week?  
\*Physical Health \_\_\_\_ \*Mental Health \_\_\_\_ \*Spiritual Health \_\_\_\_
- c. Share a Highlight and a Challenge from your week.
- d. Do you have a plan or focus for your personal devotions this month? Do you need any ideas? Share together.

## **Message Discussion** (35min)

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> What do you learn from these instructions, and how are you encouraged and challenged by them?

### 1. WATCH & PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS (Col 4:2-4)

-- **part of why we don't share the gospel is because we're not asking God for opportunities to do so.**

- > How watchful/prayerful are we for 'open doors' to share the gospel?
- > What are some everyday opportunities you have, where God might invite you to share the gospel?
- > What is one step you will take this week, to watch & pray for open doors?

### 2. SPEAKING GOOD NEWS TO EACH PERSON (Col 4:4-6)

-- **everyone has different history / struggles / needs.**

**God invites us to listen & love people well enough to show how Jesus is truly good news to each person.**

- > Who was the first person to share the gospel with you?
- > What truth(s) of the gospel first made it sound like 'good news' to you?  
Briefly share your experience receiving the gospel.
- > Think of a (non-Christian) neighbor / friend / family member, and their specific story and situation:  
what truth(s) of the gospel might sound like 'good news' to them?

### 3. THE BOTTOM LINE

-- **speaking the gospel is hard, but it's worth it, because it's truly good news for all of life -- both for those around you and, also, even for you!**

- > Who is the first that comes to mind when you think of sharing the gospel with someone?
- > What do you risk sharing the gospel them this week? Is it worth it? Are they worth it?
- > What struggle or need are you currently facing, and how is Jesus truly, *actually good news* for you today?

## **Prayer** (25min)

\*Break into groups of 3-4 people or men/women for sharing and prayer.

*In response to the Gospel, our sharing and discussion...*

*How can we pray for you today? How can we pray for the (non-Christian) person you shared?*

## **February**

### **+ Sunday Speakers:**

04: Ben Connelly - [Saturate](#)

11: Ray Duerksen – [Church Renewal Canada](#)

18: Wayne Hilsden – [Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries](#) (FIRM)

25: Dr. Frank Turek – [CrossExamined.org](#)

**+ Life Group Schedule:** Location, Snack, Group Social, Communion...

### **+ PROJECT 3:15 – Sat. February 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm.**

With Christian Apologist – Dr. Frank Turek. [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/project315](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/project315)

### **+ Prayer Summit - February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm.**

A time of worship, corporate prayer, and communion. Join us and participate as a group.