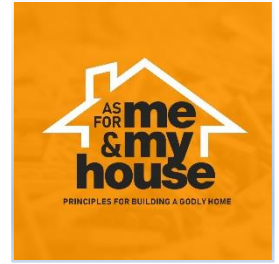


Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE**

Message: **Part 3 – Table for One: God’s Advice for the Single Christian**

April 29, 2018



Connect & Pray (20min)

Icebreakers:

- a. What is 1 thing you are looking forward to this month of May?
 - b. What is the most played radio station in your car?
- What is 1 song that you have listened to a number of times in the past month, by choice?

Opening Prayer: *ALL THINGS NEW*

Read [2 Corinthians 5:16-17](#) & [Revelation 21:1-7](#) -- then Give Thanks & Praise to God.

LET’S GROW: *GOD - shape and grow my character in 2018...*

- a. What have you been focusing on in your personal *devotions* this past week, and what is 1 way that you have been encouraged, challenged or changed?
- b. What are your *personal devotion* plans for this next week? (bible reading/prayer/journaling)
*How can we encourage you in this area?

Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

*Speaker: Pastor Shawn Vandop.

1. **Message Feedback:** What is one thing that impacted you from Sunday’s Message?
2. **Super Singles:**
 - a. Can you think of a famous and influential single person (besides those in the Bible)?
What defines their fame and influence? Has singleness helped or hindered them in your opinion? Discuss.
Examples from the Bible: Jesus, Paul, Anna, Daniel, Martha, Jeremiah, Ruth, Joseph, Nehemiah, John the Baptist.
 - b. What is the world’s general view of singleness, and how does that differ from the Biblical view of Christian singleness?
 - c. What are some of the godly/kingdom advantages & opportunities for those who are Single?
3. Read [1 Corinthians 7:35-40](#)
 - a. What does this verse say about the single life?
 - b. How can a single life be more productive for God’s kingdom?

4. Pastor Shawn used [The Story of Ruth](#) to share some principles for the single life. A key verse that set the stage for Ruth going forward as a single woman was [Ruth 1:16](#). In the midst of hurts, Ruth's life was marked by an expression of sacrificial love, a faithful adherence to a commitment, and a hope rooted in faith

Read this verse and then discuss the following question:

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

*How would your life be different (whether you are single or married) if you made this declaration over your life? Think it through carefully and be specific as you discuss.

5. 3 Principles for Living the Single Life.

: Read them over and then discuss how these principles can bring joy and hope to a single person.

: Then discuss how these principles can bring joy and hope to a married person.

- a. **KEEP YOUR PRIORITIES IN LIFE**
- b. **COMMIT TO BE A PERSON OF INTEGRITY**
- c. **TRUST GOD'S PLAN**

6. Single in The Church:

- a. If you are single talk about how the church can be more sensitive to your season of life?
- b. Married folk, talk about how you and our church can be more sensitive and encouraging to singles?
- c. How can the single person's perspective be better represented/understood/celebrated in the church? Discuss.

Application & Prayer (15min)

1. If you are single - what specific action steps will you take and apply to your life from this week's message?

2. Think of 2 or 3 single people that you know personally and care about.

Based on this week's message - how can you more specifically and intentionally pray for them?

3. 2018 PRAYER GOALS - One of our Prayer Goals for 2018 is:

To empower us to persistently PRAY for and share our faith with at least one person in 2018 that you put on our heart.

Who is 1 person that you are praying for, or could begin to pray for this year?

PRAY: Break into groups of 3-4 or Men/Women -- pray for one another and people you just shared.

EXPLORE – Resources to consider.

http://www.openbible.info/topics/being_single . <https://www.gotquestions.org/single-Christian.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/topics/dating-singleness/articles>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/four-things-god-says-singles>

<https://voice.dts.edu/article/they-were-single-too-a-sampling-of-8-bible-characters>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/all-women-bible/Ruth>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0h1eoBeR4Jk> (The Bible Project: Ruth)

Announcements

MAIN STREET MEN: *MAN BREAKFAST*

Sat. May 5. 9am. Main Street Church - Conference Hall. Tickets - \$5

MEXICO TACO LUNCH: *Missions Fundraiser*

Sun. May 6. 12:15pm. Main Street Conference Centre. Tickets: \$10 (\$5 for Kids 12 & Under).

*Live & Silent Auction. All proceeds go towards supporting our 2018 Mexico Missions Team.

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

Sun. May 13. Our Special Offering will go towards the ministry of [PEARL Life Renewal Society](#) in Chilliwack.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. June 3. During the Morning Services. Info & Registration - www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

PARTNERSHIP CLASS

Sun. June 3. 6pm-8pm. Chapel. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership

2017 AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Wed. June 6. Chapel.