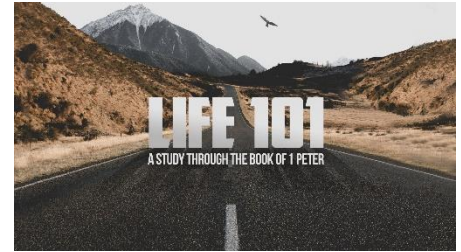


Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **LIFE 101 – 1 Peter**

Part 9 – Prepared

March 26, 2017



Connect (15min)

* I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS:

What GOOD NEWS have you heard recently? What GOOD NEWS have you shared with someone else recently?

(New Job, Birth of a Child, Engagement, Improved Health, Restored Relationship, Debt Paid-Off...)

Pray: Take a couple of minutes as a Group to thank God for GOOD NEWS, and your time together as a Group.

Check-In (15min)

One of our Values at Main Street Church is:

We will intentionally listen to the voice of God

> We recognize that the voice we listen to the most will determine the direction of our life.

"It's one thing to believe the Bible but something else altogether to allow the Bible, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, to impact and change your life." – A.W. Tozer.

How have you been encouraged, challenged or changed through your time with Jesus this week?

Where are you currently reading/listening to God in His Word (the Bible)?

(in your reading, praying, listening, learning)

How can we encourage you in your relationship with Jesus this week?

Sunday Message Feedback (40min)

* **Guest Speaker – Dr. Mike Sherbino** continues our LIFE 101 series in 1 Peter.

Website: <http://drmikesherbino.com> YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR0DqE5OglP84MQoPkeMJJQ>

1. BE PREPARED!

Part of the message from this week focuses on the need to be prepared to share with others what you believe.

a. Take time to share when you have had the opportunity to do this in your own life.

b. What have been some of the challenging questions you have been confronted with when it comes to talking about your faith with others? Have you ever felt frightened with the prospect of sharing your faith?

>> If so – you are not alone. **Read** the prayer of the early church found in [Acts4:29-31](#)

2. Read [1 Peter 3:13-17](#). As you read, consider which key words or statements jump out to you. Share as a Group.

3. Nobody wakes up in the morning thinking; "this would be a great day to experience suffering!"

Discuss: What are at least two types of suffering we might experience, and how we can process it?

Read [John 16:33](#); [2 Corinthians 1:3-7](#) & [2 Timothy 2:12](#) to help you with your discussion.

4. When it comes to sharing our faith Satan will want to make us feel like; “we can’t do that” or “I don’t have all the answers “or “that is only something the pastor can do!” a.k.a.-- bring in the professionals...
However, we all have a story that we can share of how Jesus found us and saved us.
 - a. Who is one person who shared the Gospel with you &/or prayed for your personal Salvation?
 - b. Have one or two in your group share briefly “their faith story.” (5min version)
Talk about why ‘your story’ is so powerful?
5.
 - a. Are there some particular tips or resources that you have found helpful in “being prepared to give an answer” for the hope that you have?” (1 Peter 3:15-16)
 - b. How can we better prepare to live out and share our faith with others (with gentleness & respect)?
(Reference the resources shared below: *Alpha...*)
6. It might seem strange but suffering is often used by God to accomplish his plan in ways that we could never imagine. Take a few moments to discuss this fact by reading and then commenting on the following scriptures.
 - *Daniel: [Daniel 3:17](#)
 - *Joseph: [Genesis 39:21](#), [Genesis 50:20](#)
 - *Paul: [Romans 8:28](#)

Application & Prayer (20min)

As we think of the lives Jesus calls us to live and the reality that we might suffer for our faith (physically, economically, vocationally, relationally, politically) read the following prayer by Dr. David Livingston.

Background

The following prayer was prayed by [David Livingston](#) who felt called of God to serve in Africa during the 18th Century. ([google](#) his life story) He had been blinded in one eye while walking through the jungle, endured that attack of a lion and then went through the pain of seeing his wife die. At her grave he said these words;

“My Jesus, My King, My Life, My All, - I again consecrate my life to you. I shall place no value in anything I possess or do except in relation to your Kingdom and your service.”

What are your thoughts as you read what he prayed? What do you think he was struggling with at that time?

As you close your discussion have someone **read from** [Romans 8:31-39](#) as part of your closing prayer and reflection.

- a. What is one area of influence that you can be ‘salt & light’ for Jesus this week? (family, friendship, workplace, school)
- b. Who is 1 person in your area of influence that needs to hear the Good News of Jesus through you?

PRAY

Break into Group of 3-4 people (or Men & Women), share your answers and PRAY for one another.

Resources

*ALPHA Course: Session – [Why & How Should I Tell Others?](#) - (27min YouTube Video)

Book: [Just Walk Across the Room – Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith](#). By Bill Hybels

Scripture: <https://www.openbible.info/topics/evangelism>

Websites: <http://crossexamined.org> . www.oneminuteapologist.com . www.iamsecond.com . <http://rzim.org>

Announcements

Sunday Morning Prayer

Every Sunday. 8:15am in the Prayer Room. Contacts: Pastor Shawn & Pastor Eryn.

SET FREE Retreat

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

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY

Good Friday Service. April 14. 10am. Worship-Reflection-Communion.

[Kids programs for Nursery-Gr.4. Gr.5 & Up join the adults in the Auditorium]

Easter Sunday. April 16. 9am & 10:45am.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat. April 29. 9am. Conference Hall & Café. Tickets on Sale in April. \$5.

BAPTISM Celebration

Sun. May 7. 6pm. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

MAN BREAKFAST

Sat. May 13. 8am. Conference Hall & Café. Tickets on Sale in April. \$5.

FRESH START Finance Course

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