

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: **PERSEVERE – Part 2**

February 10, 2019



Connect (15min) – Share refreshments.

THANKFUL 3 – Take 3min on your own to consider and write down 1 thing you are Thankful for in each of these 3 areas:

1. In my relationship with God: *“I am Thankful* _____
2. In my relationships with others (spouse/family/friends): *“I am Thankful* _____
3. In my physical provisions (health/work/finances/provisions): *“I am Thankful* _____

*Then get into groups of 3 and share your Thankful 3 with one another.

FOCUS – Read Isaiah 40:25-31 -- then take a few minutes to praise & thank God in Prayer as a group.

Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

***Speaker:** Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor. **Message:** PERSEVERE – Part 2.

1. LEADER NOTE: *Read to your Group.*

We love that you are connecting in Life Group with us! Our last series “I LOVE MY CHURCH” & this series on “PERSEVERANCE” remind us that community and care in God’s People is an important and a powerful ally for us in this life. We can experience the benefits by investing in one another and growing together. We can do this by growing in our sharing, caring, serving, accountability and prayer together. Continue to step out and engage – share your questions & feedback, give thanks for who God is and what He’s done, share struggles, receive prayer and pray for others. Be the Church Together!

2. **What jumped out at you from this past Sunday’s Message?** Do you have any initial questions or feedback?

3. **Tested:**

- a. Many people don’t like tests, but they’re often a part of life.
> Are there any kinds of tests that you do like/enjoy, and why?
- b. What is the hardest test you have ever taken -- in High School, College, Work or Sports/Music...?
- c. Were you one to prepare well ahead for a test, cram the night before, or just “wing it?”
- d. Why are tests important? Why do we need them? What can we learn from the process of tests? Discuss.

4. Shawn said, **“What’s been tested can be trusted!”** --- How has this statement been true in your life?

5. Read [Romans 5:3-5](#)

- a. How does this verse explain the power of tests in our lives for producing perseverance?
- b. What have tests and trials taught you about perseverance? Discuss.

6. Read [Luke 8:40-56](#)

- a. Does anything jump out at you or get your attention in this story? Share.

- b. Describe a time in your life where you felt *especially desperate*, like the Woman or Jairus... (what was the occasion? How was it resolved? How did that occasion impact/shape you?).
- c. Where do you see examples of perseverance in this story? Discuss.
- d. Shawn highlighted **3 Tests** that can be seen in this story:
- The Test of **DELAY**, the Test of **DESPAIR** and the Test of **DISCOURAGEMENT**.
 - Have you ever experienced any of these tests? Share your experiences.
- e. Who do you relate to more in this story? The Woman or Jairus? Why?
- f. What were the outcomes of perseverance in this story? Discuss.
- g. Do those outcomes encourage you to develop perseverance in your life, and how?
- 7. Recap:**
- a. What can the tests faced in the lives of Jairus & the Woman teach us about perseverance?
- b. Is there anything that Jesus wants to encourage you in or show you from this passage?

Application & Prayer (15-20min)

YOUR MOVE:

- a. What is the one thing you want to take away from this message to remember or to make a change in your life?
- b. How does this text help you understand your need for Jesus? How does this text challenge you to persevere?

PRAYER: *Break into groups of 3-4 or Men/Women to improve the quality of sharing and prayer time.*

***The woman and Jairus had different needs but they both brought them to JESUS.**

***Based on our discussion and the topic of Perseverance, how can we Pray for you personally?**

SUGGESTED READING:

www.openbible.info/topics/perseverance

[*Get Out!*](#) A message on Luke 8:40-56 (The Woman, Jairus & Jesus), by Robert Madu

[*Hope in the Dark: Believing God Is Good When Life Is Not*](#), by Craig Groeschel.

[*Didn't See It Coming: Overcoming the 7 Greatest Challenges That No Expects and Everyone Experiences*](#), by Carey Nieuwhof.

[*Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God*](#), by Max Lucado.

[*It Ain't Over Till It's Over: Persevere for Answered Prayers & Miracles in Your Life*](#), by R.T. Kendall

Announcements

Our NEXT LIFE GROUP MEETING: *DATE / TIME / LOCATION.* **SNACK DUTY:** _____.

NEW LIFE GROUP LEADERS NEEDED

***We are actively recruiting New Life Group Leaders.** If you are interested pursuing this leadership role please speak with your current LG Leaders & contact Pastor Eryn for more information.

MAIN STREET WOMEN: Mentoring Training

Sat. February 23rd. 9am-Noon. Conf.Room A. MSW is offering this free workshop on mentoring for women of all ages. Explore how mentoring impacts our Christian lives, and how we can come alongside other women to listen, encourage, support, lovingly challenge and grow in our Christian walk together. What is required is a heart for God, a growing faith, life experience and love for people. Sign up at Guest Services or call the Church Office.

*Info also available on the [Main Street Church Women's Facebook Page](#). MSW Contact: [Janine Schaefer](#).

SUPPER & The SUMMIT

Sun. February 24th. 5pm-Dinner / 6pm-Worship, Prayer & Communion.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. April 28th. During the Sunday Services. Register online: <https://mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism>

SET FREE RETREAT

May 3-4. Friday 5:30pm-9pm / Saturday 9am-7pm. \$40. Info & Registration: <https://mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free>

2019 Corporate Prayer Goals

We Ask You Lord...

- *To empower us to persistently pray for and share Your Gospel with at least one person in 2019.*
- *To provide all the financial and practical needs of the construction and renovation of our Kitchen and Office Space.*
- *To teach us to seek, ask for and be intentional about learning, growing and practicing the spiritual gifts You have given the church.*

- *To raise up and release at least 10 new Life Group Leaders so that 60% of our adult congregation can be connected in community.*