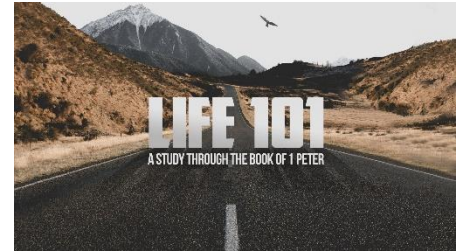


# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **LIFE 101 – 1 Peter**

## Part 7 – Submission in the Workplace

March 12, 2017



### **Connect** (10min)

**Open in Prayer:** Have one of your Group members Pray for your time together.

#### \* **SPRING CLEANING:**

What is 1 Spring Project you have on your radar for your home/yard...?

What is 1 thing you'd like to 'clean or throw-out' and what is 1 thing you'd like to 'add/build/plant/improve'?

### **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.*

**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)

\* **Pastor Shawn** continues our LIFE 101 series in 1 Peter.

- 1. a.** What was the first job you ever had? **b.** What is the worst job you ever had?  
**c.** If you had to do any other job/career besides your current (or most recent) job, which one would you choose, and why?
- 2. Read [1 Peter 2:18-25](#)**  
What jumps out at you from this passage of Scripture? What encourages or challenges you?
- 3.** On Sunday we heard about "**our strange calling**" as Christians when it comes to dealing with those difficult authorities in our lives like a "boss" or a "teacher."  
**Can you think of any times you've had to deal with a difficult authority figure?**  
If so, explain (without sharing names/locations).
- 4.** We all have difficult people in our lives and conflict is unavoidable at times.  
(sometimes we are that difficult person)  
**What's your first impulse when conflict surfaces with a difficult person?**  
(Do you run, fight, get defensive listen, panic, ignore, deflect, argue, become stubborn, problem solve, other.).

5. **There are many who struggle with the thought of biblical submission to authority.** So a challenging relationship with a teacher, boss, or commanding officer can lead to a lot of frustration, especially when we are called to submit to someone who doesn't seem to deserve it.  
\*How can the following verses help us gain perspective on why biblical submission to authority is not only mandatory but also essential for us as Christians? Read and discuss.
- [Hebrews 10:32-36](#)
  - [James 1:2-4](#)
  - [Romans 5:1-5](#)
  - [Mark 12:13-17](#)

**Can you think of any significant character building lessons you've learned in the past when having to deal with a difficult authority figure?**

6. **Submission is no small challenge when we find ourselves in an immoral or illegal situation.**  
>> As we saw this weekend, biblical submission does have some limits.  
\*How could the following verses help you develop a strategy for dealing with a potentially illegal or immoral situation?
- [Proverbs 11:14](#)
  - [Acts 5:27-29](#)
  - [Titus 3:1-2](#)

**What could be some negative consequences of not putting these verses into action when encountering a compromising situation?**

7. When it comes to figuring out how submission works in real life situations, it's important to **remember Jesus isn't asking us to do anything he didn't do for us first.** Read through [Matthew 20:20-27](#),  
\*How does Jesus' teaching and example impact your thoughts on having to submit to authority?
8. **If your boss, teacher, parent etc. were to read this passage, how would they say you're doing at imitating what this passage talks about?**

## **Application & Prayer** (20min)

*"Remember Whose you are and Whom you serve" – Oswald Chambers.*

*"A Church can have all of the programs in the world, but if people aren't changing, all you have is religion...a show on Sunday" – Dr. Tony Evans.*

- 1. CONSIDER:** Considering this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?
- 2. COMMIT:** What act of *submission to authority* do you want (or need) to work on in the next few weeks to follow Jesus' example more closely?
- 3. PRAY:** Is there a compromising situation (illegal, unethical or immoral) you're encountering you'd like prayer for? (Don't revealing names & details – Jesus knows them already. Keep the focus & prayer on what you need from Jesus)

## Resources

The Bible Project – 1 Peter: <https://youtu.be/WhP7AZQlzCg>

Scripture: on *Submission & Work Ethic*

[https://www.openbible.info/topics/work\\_ethic](https://www.openbible.info/topics/work_ethic)

[https://www.openbible.info/topics/submission to human authority](https://www.openbible.info/topics/submission_to_human_authority)

## Announcements

### SET FREE Retreat

**April 7-8.** Main Street Church. Info & Registration: [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free)

*\*Share your experience and encourage your Group to Go (for the first time, or for a refresher).*

### FRESH START Finance Course

**Wednesdays. May 10-31.** Main Street Church. Info & Registration: [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/fresh-start](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/fresh-start)

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