

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: **HE IS RISEN**

April 21, 2019 – Resurrection Sunday



Connect (20min) – Share refreshments.

1. Share a couple Highlights from your Easter Long Weekend.

2. What have you been focusing on in your Bible reading & prayer (devotions) this past week?

What is one thing you learned or were encouraged by in that time?

What are your devotion/reading plans for the week ahead?

3. Read [1 Peter 1:3-4](#) and then take a few minutes as a group to praise and thank God for the *Good News of Jesus*.

Sunday Message Feedback (35-45min)

***Speaker:** Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor. **Message:** *HE IS RISEN!*

1. Share a time when you were completely Surprised.

2. Resurrection Sunday

a. What encouraged or challenged you in the service on Sunday?

b. Did you learn anything new about Easter from Sunday's message? Share.

3. Share the Reading of [1 Corinthians 15](#).

a. What do you learn from the text? *About God, about us, about the Resurrection...*

b. What happens to our Christian faith if the Resurrection didn't happen?

c. Read [John 11:25-26](#) – How would you respond to Jesus?

4. Someone asks you - "How do you know that the Resurrection really happened?"

a. How would you respond?

b. What basic points, evidence or questions would you share for them to consider or research?

(e.g. The Broken Roman Seal & Empty Tomb discovered by Women. 40 Days & Hundreds of Witnesses. Jewish & Roman sources admit an Empty Tomb. The weight given to the Resurrection in Scripture (OT&NT). The radical change in the Disciples and growth of the Church. Did they suffer & die for a lie? The dramatic conversion of Saul/Paul. Christ's impact on your life...)

5. Read [John 19:30](#) and [Luke 23:44-46](#)

a. What did Jesus mean when he said "it is finished!"?

6. Shawn mentioned that *the Resurrection ended Religion*.

a. Have you ever thought about the Resurrection this way?

b. How has this been true in your life and relationship with Jesus?

c. How does the Resurrection change Human History & Destiny?

7. Read [Romans 8:10-11](#)

- a. How does this encourage you? How can you apply it to your life today?
- b. What would look different in your life, family and church if we applied and lived in the Resurrection Power of Jesus Christ? Discuss.
(use what you discuss as prayer points)

Prayer (15min)

1. **Based on our Discussion** on the truth & power of Christ's Resurrection let's pray for one another, our church, our community (friends, family...).
2. **Share & Pray for any other personal prayer requests:** *healing, provision, protection, power, personal transformation.*

*There will not be a Discussion Guide for **Sun. April 28th** because of BAPTISM SUNDAY.
> Please make alternative plans for your Life Group that following week.

*We begin a new teaching series on Sun. May 5th – *Things We Wish Jesus Never Said.*

Resources to Consider

Resurrection

Scripture: <http://www.openbible.info/topics/resurrection>

OneMinuteApologist (Resurrection): <https://www.youtube.com/user/oneminuteapologist/search?query=resurrection>

GotQuestions: https://www.gotquestions.org/search.php?zoom_query=resurrection

Cold-Case Christianity (Resurrection): <https://www.youtube.com/user/pleaseconvinceme/search?query=resurrection>

CrossExamined (Resurrection): <https://www.youtube.com/user/TurekVideo/search?query=resurrection>

ReasonableFaith with Dr. William Lane Craig (Resurrection):

<https://www.reasonablefaith.org/media/debates/is-there-historical-evidence-for-the-resurrection-of-jesus-the-craig-ehrman/>

The Case for Christ with Lee Strobel (Book & Movie): <https://leestrobel.com>

Dr. Gary Habermas (Resurrection): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ay_Db4RwZ_M

Book – [*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*](#)

Announcements

OUR NEXT LG MEETING: Date/Time/Location & Snack

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. April 28. During the Sunday Services. [Celebrating over 20 Baptisms!](#)

SUPPER & The SUMMIT

Sun. April 28. 5pm-Free Dinner / 6pm-Worship, Prayer & Communion.

***Serving Opportunity:** We are looking for Life Groups to help serve the Dinner for *Supper & The Summit* for April, May & June. If your group is able to serve at one of these please contact Pastor Eryn asap.

SET FREE RETREAT

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

MAIN STREET WOMEN - Events

MSW: [Armor of God Study](#)

Thursdays, April 25-June 6. 7pm. Conference Rm A. Contact [Janine Schaefer](#) for more info.

MSW: [Breathe ~ Worship-Rest-Prayer](#)

Sat. June 1st. 7pm, Main Street Chapel. A special worship night led by Darlene Pedrosa.

***Facebook Page:** Women - Join our [Main Street Women](#) facebook group.

MAIN STREET MEN – Events

MSM - [MAN BREAKFAST](#)

Sat. April 27. 8am-9:30am. Main Street Church – Conference Hall. Tickets - \$5 (Available in April). Speaker – Jonathan Chapman.

MSM – [CAMP DAY](#)

Sat. June 15. A full day of fun activities, connecting, food and encouragement at Camp Kawkawa (near Hope). Details tba soon.

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