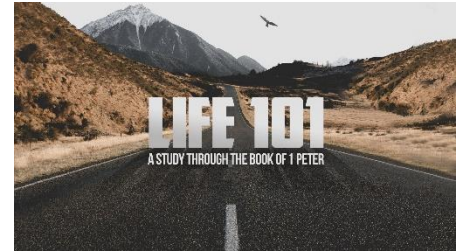


# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **LIFE 101 – 1 Peter**

**Part 8 – Living for God**

March 19, 2017



## **Connect** (15min)

\* **LOVE CHILLIWACK:** *Work for the well-being of the city where I have sent you to and pray to the Lord for this. For if it is well with the city you live in, it will be well with you. Jeremiah 29:7*

What is one thing you love about living in Chilliwack? What is another thing you are thankful for in Chilliwack? What is one thing you personally contribute (besides taxes) to the well-being of our City?

**Pray:** Take a few minutes as a Group to thank God for our City, and pray on its behalf.

## **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)

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

[Pastor Shawn is going to come back to 1 Peter 3 later in this series]

- 1. Context Drives Understanding:** Can you think of an example where a lack of context caused you (or others) to misunderstand something that was communicated?  
(eg. an advertisement, a church sign, a scripture verse, a political cartoon, something you said or wrote...)
- 2. WATCH: The Bible Project – 1 Peter** -- <https://youtu.be/WhP7AZQIzCg> (if your Group hasn't yet in this series)  
**Read [1 Peter 4:1-6](#)**  
What jumps out at you from this passage of Scripture? What encourages or challenges you?  
Why is *context* important for a passage like this?

**3. Which of these following NEW things is your favorite?**

- a. NEW Clothes    b. NEW Music    c. NEW Food/Meal    d. NEW Movie    e. NEW Friend  
f. NEW Season of the Year    g. NEW Job    h. NEW City or Place to Live

**4. Four NEW Things in the Life of Christian**

\*Read [1 Peter 4:1-6](#) again, looking for these four new elements in the life of a Christian. Discuss them.

a. NEW Attitude

*(understood in context) – Choosing suffering over sin proves you value Christ over comfort.  
How would you describe the ‘Attitude of Christ’?*

b. NEW Direction

*Desiring to do God’s will is about pursuing a sinless God, not just a sinless life. (Relationship vs Religion)  
Satisfaction in Him is the ultimate will of God for us.*

c. NEW Lifestyle

*Pursuing God causes a change of lifestyle.  
Your ‘appetite’ & desires begin to change and continue to change.*

d. NEW Response

*When God changes your life, people change their response to you --- perhaps surprised, confused, inspired, curious, offended... (plus other responses).*

- i. Celebrate that the work of God is visible to people (in and through your life).*
- ii. Avoid highlighting (judging) the sinful behavior in non-Christians, but point them to Jesus and allow Him to deal with their sin, as He has ours.*

**5. Which of those four NEW Elements in a Christian’s life do you connect/relate to the most? Why?**

**6. How does the following passage, written by Paul, connect with what Peter is saying in 1 Peter 4?**

Read & Discuss [2 Corinthians 5:13-21](#)

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

*“Man is not just unethical, he is lost and dead...The biggest difference between Jesus Christ and ethical, moral teachers, who have been deified by man is that these moral teachers came to make bad people good. Jesus came to make dead people LIVE!” – Ravi Zacharias*

*“This generation has forgotten that the Gospel message does not clean up the outside of a person, rather it bores into the very heart and soul of a person and radically changes that person from the inside forever”*

– A.W. Tozer

**Break into Group of 3-4 people (or Men & Women) and PRAY for one another in the areas of Identity and Transformation that each person feels they need God to lead, empower & help them in.**

## Announcements

### PRAYER SUMMIT

**March 26.** 6pm. Main Street Auditorium. Worship-Prayer-Communion.

### SET FREE Retreat

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