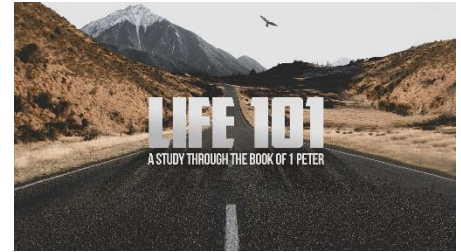


# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **LIFE 101 – 1 Peter**

## Part 2

January 29, 2017



### Connect (10min)

- \* Share 1 Highlight from your week.
- \* What is 1 thing you're Thankful For today?

### Check-In (15min)

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

**PrayFirst Update:** Share final highlights from your *PRAY FIRST* (prayer & fasting) journey in January.

- \* What impacted you the most? \* What will you carry forward and apply more in your life?

### Sunday Message Feedback (35min)

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

#### 1. What impacted you from Sunday's message by Pastor Shawn?

: What challenged or encouraged you, and why? : What can you apply to your faith & life this week? How?

#### 2. Have you ever asked the question: "Who do bad things happen to good people?"

- What kind of answers or responses have you heard to this question?
- When you face hardship and pain do you tend to draw closer to God or drift away from Him? Explain.

#### 3. Read 1 Peter 1:3-12. What jumps out at you from this passage of Scripture?

#### 4. This week we heard the good news that the tests and suffering we encounter are more about confirming our faith than an attempt to disqualify it. **How do the following verses** further build your confidence and hope that God is at work no matter what life throws at you?

- John 16:33
- Romans 8:35-39
- Ephesians 3:20-21
- James 1:2-4
- 1 John 3:1-3

\*Which one of these verses do you want to take hold of as you move into the rest of 2017? Why?

#### 5. Pastor Shawn taught us that the thing God gives us in the midst of our trials and pain is **PERSPECTIVE**. Why is perspective so important when navigating the storms of life?

6. Shawn mentioned **two things we need to see clearly when all hell breaks loose in our lives**. Do you remember what they were? (Our Salvation and our Suffering)
7. What is something in your life you can remember getting really excited about only to have it become normal or even dull later on? Why did your attitude change about that thing?
8. Do you ever take your salvation for granted? Explain?  
Why is it so important to know and live in the joy of our salvation when we face trials and tribulations?
9. **Shawn mentioned five reasons why we suffer, which one has been true most often in your life?**
  - a. *We suffer because we live in a fallen world.*
  - b. *We suffer because we can get caught in the back lash of other people's sin.*
  - c. *We suffer because it can be self-inflicted*
  - d. *We suffer because God wants to train us spiritually*
  - e. *We suffer because God wants to test us*
10. Read [1 Peter 1:6-7](#)  
How has suffering revealed your faith to be genuine? Share your experience.

## Application (10min)

- \*What can you do this week to live in a greater awareness of the gift of salvation you have received from God?
- \*What can you do this week to invite Jesus into your suffering and hardship to develop your faith more?
- \*How can we encourage one another in the midst of these trials and challenges?

## Prayer (10-15min)

- Ask group if there are any prayer requests regarding hardship and struggles that you can pray for one another.
- \* Break into groups of 3-4 or Men & Women.
  - \* **Give Thanks & PRAY** for one another.

## Resources

- \***Scripture on Pain & Suffering:** [https://www.openbible.info/topics/pain\\_and\\_suffering](https://www.openbible.info/topics/pain_and_suffering)
- \***OneMinuteApologist** (YouTube Channel): [Topic – Suffering](#)
- \***YouTube Video** (10min): on Pain & Suffering (with Francis Chan) > [Greater Than – Day 2](#)
- \***Animated Introduction to the Book of JOB** – [Read Scripture: JOB](#) (from [The Bible Project](#) on YouTube)
- \***For Book Resources** on this topic contact Pastor Eryn at the office.

## Announcements

### **PARTNERSHIP CLASS**

**Sun. February 19. 6pm-8pm. Main Street Chapel.** Register online: [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership)

### **APOLOGETICS CANADA CONFERENCE**

**March 4-5. Northview Church, Abbotsford.** Info & Registration:

<https://www.apologeticscanada.com/conference-2017>

### **BAPTISM Celebration**

**Sun. March 5. 6pm. Main Street Auditorium.** Info & Application: [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism)

### **SET FREE Retreat**

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

### **FRESH START Finance Course**

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