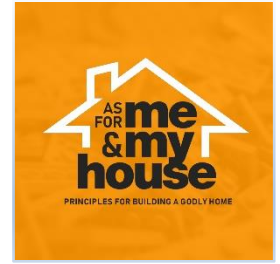


# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE**

Message: **Part 3 – Diligence**

April 22, 2018



## Connect & Pray (20min)

**Spring Has Arrived:** What are your favorite Springtime activities?

Read [DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9](#) & Invite a Group Member to open in Prayer.

<sup>4</sup> Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup> And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

<sup>6</sup> And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup> Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**LET'S GROW:** *GOD - shape and grow my character in 2018...*

a. What have you been focusing on in your personal *devotions* this past week, and what is 1 way that you have been encouraged, challenged or changed?

b. What are your *personal devotion* plans for this next week? (bible reading/prayer/journaling)

\*Do you have a set schedule, place or focus/plan? How can we encourage you in this area?

## Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

\*Speaker: Pastor Dean Orrell.

### 1. Repeated Reminders

What are some of the common/silly things that you had to be reminded of as a Kid by your parents?

[*make your bed, put the seat down, wash your hands, close the door, turn the lights off, say thank you...*]

> If you are a parent – are any of these echoed in your parenting experience?

### 2. Got Questions?

*Worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.* 1 Peter 3:15-16

a. What are some questions about God or the Bible that Kids commonly ask?

\**when I was a kid I asked...* \**my kids have asked...*

b. What do you do if you don't know the answer to a question that a kid (or anyone for that matter) asks you about God or the Bible? How do you respond? How do you find answers or learn together?

**3. Message Feedback:** What is one thing that impacted you from Sunday's Message?

Pastor Dean talked about DILIGENCE...

What is one thing/area of life that others would say you are diligent in or about?

**4. Encouraging Kids**

a. If you were introduced to Christianity as a child/teen, how were you encouraged and equipped to pursue and express your faith by your parents/guardians...? What helped? What didn't help?

b. If you have influence in the lives of kids (as a parent/grand-parent, relative, guardian, teacher, coach...) how do you share/model your Christian faith for them, and how do you encourage them to pursue or express their faith?

**5. Home & Church**

We hope that the Sunday Church experience is encouraging and equipping for you (and your family), but what are the significant downsides of leaving our (personal & family) spiritual *exercise and nourishment* to Sunday mornings, and the efforts of others? Imagine if you (and your kids) only ate & exercised once a week?

**6. Which time of day generally works best (or could work best) for your *devotional* life?**

(individually, as a couple, with the kids)

\*MORNING, LUNCH, AFTERNOON, DINNER, EVENING/BEDTIME?

**7. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9.** *<sup>6</sup> And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup> Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

**Considering your Home/Family Life** – how can you apply these timeless instructions from GOD to our lives – bringing JESUS & the Word of God into the everyday conversations and activities more?

a. What does it mean to **Be Wholehearted & Actively DILIGENT** in our faith, and the faith of our kids?

b. What might have to change in terms of schedule, priorities, entertainment/activities, meals...?

c. What benefits have you noticed in the past, or what might the benefits be if we apply these instructions?

## Application & Prayer (15min)

READ [1 Thessalonians 5:9-11](#) & [Hebrew 10:24-25](#)

**CHALLENGE:** *Consider and respond to the following question as we prepare to PRAY for one another.*

1. Regardless of whether your relational status or age -- As you think through this week's teaching, is there anything you'd like to work on to help you grow and encourage & equip family/friends in the upcoming weeks?

2. Who is 1 of your Family Members who needs the salvation and leadership of JESUS in their lives?

**PRAY:** Break into groups of 3-4 or Men/Women and pray for one another and your families.

## Announcements

### MAIN STREET WOMEN: *Wonder Weekend*

Fri/Sat April 27&28.

### PRAYER SUMMIT

Sun. April 29. 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Auditorium. *Worship – Prayer – Communion.*

### MAIN STREET MEN: *MAN BREAKFAST*

Sat. May 5. 9am. Main Street Church - Conference Hall. Tickets - \$5

### BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. June 3. During the Morning Services. Info & Registration - [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism)

## EXPLORE – Resources to consider.

Websites:

<https://www.christiethomaswriter.com/tag/sacred-pathways-for-kids> / <https://www.gotquestions.org>

**Book:** (available on Amazon.ca, ChristianBook.com, Christian Bookstores)

[\*Talking With Your Kids About God.\*](#) Natasha Crain.

[\*Keeping Your Kids on God's Side: 40 Conversations to Help Them Build a Lasting Faith.\*](#) Natasha Crain

[\*Sacred Pathways.\*](#) Gary Thomas