

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide



Series: **PRAY FIRST 2020**

Message: **Part 5 – & Lead Us Not Into Temptation, but Deliver Us From Evil.**

February 2, 2020. Speaker: Dean Orrell – Worship Pastor

Connect (15min) – share refreshments.

***The “Would You Rather...?” Challenge:** (you’ll need pens and one slip of paper for each person)

- share a couple of examples of *Would You Rather...? Questions* -- one Funny/Bizarre & one more Serious. e.g.:
 1. *Would you rather have cheetos for fingers (that grow back), or Teleport to a random location every time you sneeze?*
 2. *Would you rather be in jail for a year or lose a year off your life?*
- give the group 2mins – have each person create & write down two *Would You Rather? Questions* on one slip of paper.
 1. One Funny/Bizarre WYR? & 2. One more Serious WYR?
- put the questions in a bowl and have the group pick out a random question. Each person will read and answer the two questions they chose. (the rest of the group can jump in on the answers, but it’s primarily for that person)

***Split into groups of 3-4 (or men/women)**

- > **Share this quote:** *“Don’t be careful with your talent/gift, be faithful with it. You have to believe in the talents/gifts God has given to you, fully, and use it.”* – Freddy Montero, Vancouver Whitecaps.
- > **What is one talent/gift that God has given you that we can give thanks for and pray about for you?** Share.
- > **Pray for the person on your right.**

Sunday Message Discussion (35-40min)

1. **Christianese Catch Phrases**

*Words and phrases that people use that made Pastor Dean say “WHAT?” as someone new to church.

*Share some ‘Christianese’ words or phrases that you found funny or confusing when you first heard them.

For example: “hedge of protection” “born again” “my quiet time” “guard your heart” “walk with the Lord” “revival”

“washed/covered by the blood” “amen!” “fellowship” “end times” “He is Risen” “testimony” “sinners prayer” “backsliding”

“light the fire again” “love offering” “traveling mercies” “fruit of the Spirit” “echo that prayer” “witness” “seeker service”

2. **Lord, Teach Us to Pray – The Lord’s Prayer. *Read [Matthew 6:9-13](#). > Now, read [verse 13](#) again.**

***Option:** Listen to [The Lord’s Prayer \(Acoustic\) – Hillsong Worship](#) as a moment of reflection & preparation.

3. **Components of Prayer**

a. This is final message in our Pray First Series on *The Lord’s Prayer*...

>> which message or component of *The Lord’s Prayer* connected with your most, and why?

b. Describe the typical breakdown of your prayer life – what percentage of time/focus would you usually give to:

- i. praise/thanksgiving
- ii. protection
- iii. provision/needs
- iv. healing
- v. confession/forgiveness

c. Pastor Dean said: *“The ultimate purpose of prayer is to draw closer to God. To line our lives up with the will of God.*

That’s the Christian life. That’s the point of sanctification – make me more like you Jesus. Your name, Your kingdom, Your will, I want only what You promised, provision, forgiveness and protection. Prayer is a way to stand in the gap between what God has said and what we are experiencing, and saying to Him ‘I need what You have said!’ Praying for the promises of God is a personal way of expressing the words of John the Baptist – “less of me, more of you. I must decrease, you must increase – I need what You have said!”

d. >> And so, [Matthew 6:13](#) says – “Lead us not into temptation...”

*Why do you think Jesus includes this as a component of his response to the request–“*Lord, Teach Us to Pray*”?

4. Trials & Temptations

C.S. Lewis -- *"No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good. A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. After all, you find out the strength of the German army by fighting against it, not by giving in. You find out the strength of a wind by trying to walk against it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour later. That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness — they have lived a sheltered life by always giving in. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only human who never yielded to temptation, is also the only one who knows to the full what temptation means — the only complete realist."*

*Read [Matthew 3:16-4:11](#) (& [4:1](#) again); [Hebrews 2:18](#); [James 1:12-15](#); [1 Corinthians 10:12-13](#)

>> Pastor Dean said, *"God will never lead you into temptation. He will never cause you to sin. He will never cause you to give in to evil...BUT he will allow trails in your life."*

- a. How would you describe *the difference between trials & temptations*?
 - i. Describe the trials Jesus faced.
 - ii. Describe the temptations Jesus faced. What core areas did Satan target?
 - iii. How did Jesus endure the trials and overcome the temptations?
- b. Describe a *trial in your life* which strengthened your faith and character.
- c. If brave enough -- Describe a *trial in your life* where you gave into temptation.
- d. Would you say that you/we are more likely to sin (by giving into temptation) when alone, or with certain people? When are you most vulnerable to temptation?
- e. Which of these conditions or danger-zones is typically the most challenging for you, regarding temptation? When I am -- i. Hungry ii. Angry iii. Lonely iv. Tired ["H.A.L.T."]

5. Spiritual Warfare

*The Bible makes it very clear that we involved in a spiritual battle, whether we like it or not.

- a. How do you view "Spiritual Warfare?"
- b. What does the phrase -- "*we fight spiritual battles with spiritual weapons*" mean to you?

6. Resisting the Devil

*Pastor Dean talked about **4 Steps to Resist the Devil**. >> Read the steps and then discuss them together.

- 1 – PRAY – *Prayer is a nuclear weapon in spiritual warfare.*
- 2 – Find the Lie – *Sin is a counterfeit solution to an emotion, issue or problem. Discover the truth in God's Word.*
- 3 – Bring it into the Light – *Don't struggle alone, in the dark!*
- 4 – Repeat – *A battle won is not a war won.*

- a. Which step do you currently find the most challenging, and why?
- b. Share some personal & practical ways that we can engage these steps together.

Application & Prayer (15min)

1. **Recommended:** Sign up for the next [SET FREE Retreat](#) at Main Street Church – [April 3-4](#).
2. Read [Romans 8:24-39](#).
3. Share our **2020 Prayer Goals** – which were highlighted and handed out on Sunday. *Included on p.3 of this guide.*
 - a. How can we connect these three prayers with our discussion & application on trials & temptations?
How can praying these prayers and pursuing the answers with God help us face the trials & temptations of life?
 - b. NOW PRAY - Invite the group to openly pray these prayers in connection with this topic & discussion.

*Scripture Ref: <http://www.openbible.info/topics/trials/> / http://www.openbible.info/topics/overcoming_temptation

2020 PRAYER GOALS

LORD, HELP ME...

- **To develop a consistent daily devotional time with You.**
- **Do one thing I've never done before in order to know and experience You more.**
- **To seek out opportunities to pray for and with the people around me.**

Announcements

*Our NEXT LIFE GROUP MEETING: DATE / TIME / LOCATION. SNACK DUTY: _____.

>> Plan to share Communion as a Life Group in one of your meetings in February.

NEW MEN'S MORNING LIFE GROUP – Starting in February.

*Wednesdays. 9:30am-11am. Promontory. Leader – Darren Johnston. Contact Darren or Pastor Eryn to get connected.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

*Fri. February 7th. 7pm-9pm – Auditorium. Ages 12+ (no childcare provided). [Please RSVP](#).

Anyone who served as a Volunteer with Main Street Church in 2019 is encouraged to join us for a fun night of celebration, laughter and refreshments. Our special guests are [The Panic Squad](#) – with their Improv Comedy.

MAIN STREET WOMEN: Winter Study - Faithful

*Wednesdays. February 12-March 11. 9am-10:30am. Chapel.

Explore crucial moments in the lives of five Old Testament figures—Queen Esther, Gideon, Hosea, Malachi, and Nehemiah. Strengthen your faith as you walk alongside these larger-than-life figures who all chose to obey God no matter the circumstances. Cost: \$25 – includes study journal & refreshments. Childcare provided.

*Please pre-register: www.mainstreetchurch.ca/women

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

*Consider the current list of [Serving Opportunities](#) at MSC - from your Life Group Leader, or Pastor Eryn Moore.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

*Sun. March 1st. Morning Services. Info & Registration – www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism.

PARTNERSHIP CLASS

*Sun. March 1st. 6pm-8pm. Chapel. Coffee/Tea, Dessert & Childcare Provided.

If you have attended our Next Steps class and would like to learn more about partnering with us at Main Street Church please join us. *Partnership is required for those in leadership positions.*

Info & Registration – www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership

Apologetics Canada Conference 2020

*March 6-7. Northview Church, Abbotsford.

Apologetics Canada helps Christians speak the language of our culture and address questions being asked with intellectual honesty, gentleness, and respect.

Info & Registration: <https://apologeticscanada.com/apologetics-canada-conference-2020>

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