



# LIFEgroup STUDY GUIDE

## What you will need to supplement this guide:

1. A copy of the outline provided for notes on this message (copy from message or downloaded from the COASTAL APP).
2. A Bible or Bible APP to refer to verses.

## PURSUING LIFE TOGETHER SUNDAY MESSAGE REVIEW

**NOTE to the LIFEgroup Leader:** This guide is provided as a tool to assist you in facilitating a structured discussion with your group. When used in conjunction with the outline notes and a Bible this tool will ensure that your group will *Engage Authentically*. The questions are merely recommended “talk starters”. It is important for you to let God help you navigate through the conversation as you *pursue life together* as a group.

### OPEN IN PRAYER

### STARTER QUESTIONS:

Where have you seen God at work in your life since we last met?

What stood out to you from the message this week?

### MAIN IDEA:

- REVIEW THE MAIN TOPIC OF THE MESSAGE. Allow time for discussion
- READ THE MAIN SCRIPTURE FROM THE MESSAGE OUTLINE.

How did this verse speak to you in your life?

- REVIEW THE SUB-TOPICS of the MESSAGE.

Have someone read each of the verses that were highlighted in the message, and briefly discuss.

Is there an area that you feel God is speaking to you through this message?

### FINAL THOUGHTS:

- SUMMARIZE the main idea of this message.

Would anyone like to share your thoughts about what we discussed today?

How can we pray for you as a group?

### CLOSE IN PRAYER

**RESILIENCE**  
“Standing Strong for God”  
(Daniel 6:1-28)

**Fast Food Restaurants:**

- Taco Bell has over 7,000 locations.
- Subway has over 42,000 locations.
- Chick-fil-A has only 2300 locations.

**Corporate Mission Statements:**

- **Subway:** “To give people access to quality food.”
- **Taco Bell:** “To make the best Mexican style fast-food.”
- **McDonalds:** “To be our customer’s favorite place and way to eat and drink.”
- **Chick-fil-A:** “To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come into contact with Chick-fil-A.”

**How do you stand strong for God?**

1. Start by building a good reputation

*“It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”* Daniel 6:1-5 (NIV)

**Daniel’s reputation:**

- “Exceptional” (vs.3)
- “Trustworthy” (vs.4)
- Committed to God (vs.5)

*“King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: “I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God...”* Daniel 6:25-26 (NLT)

Talking about God is important, but Godly actions create a deep respect which is much more likely to influence others spiritually.

*“But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.”* Daniel 6:10 (NLT)

2. Decide where God is asking you to make a stand.

Jesus: *“Whoever does not make Me known in front of men and acts as if he does not know Me, I will not make him known to My Father in heaven.”* Matthew 10:33 (NLT)

*“Daniel made up his mind not to defile himself...”* Daniel 1:8a (NET)

3. Trust the Lord to make things right in the end.

*“God sent his angel to shut the lions’ mouths...”* Daniel 6:22 (NLT)

*“The king gave orders to arrest the men who had maliciously accused Daniel. He had them thrown into the lions’ den...”* Daniel 6:24 (NLT)

**Chick-fil-A’s purpose is:**

“To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come into contact with Chick-fil-A.”

“The reaction? Amazing. A peace seemed to fall on the business. Folks loved the purpose statement. They identified with what they already knew: Chick-fil-A was about more than profits. And everybody leaned into their work and trusted God to lead us out of the crisis.”

-Steve Robinson CMO, Chick-fil-A