



# 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

## FUNCTIONAL FAITH

### “Unsubscribe”

- The average American has over 5.4 subscription services
- Average American has at least 4 streaming options
- One report says the average American spends \$91 a month on subscription services.

Food and beverage, gym membership / weight loss, software (Office 365, video / photo editing, AI, VidAngel), home security (Ring, Arlo, ADT), cloud storage, online learning (Duolingo), music services (Apple Music, Spotify), cable or dish, and then of course, video streaming services like Paramount+, AppleTV+, ESPN+, Disney+...

### Jesus+

*“Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.”*  
Philippians 3:2 (ESV)

### Judaizers

*“But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”*  
Acts 15:1 (ESV)

*“For we are the circumcision who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh...”*  
Philippians 3:3 (ESV)

Having confidence of our salvation based on any personal effort, accomplishments, or achievements.

*“though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: **circumcised on the eighth day**, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews (confidence in his nationality); as to the law, a Pharisee (confidence in his status and education); as to zeal, a persecutor of the church (confidence in his passion for God); as to righteousness under the law, blameless.(confidence in his observance of the law). But **whatever gain I had** (whatever my achievements and accomplishments), I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, **I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish** (Paul gave up everything he used to put his confidence in – nationality, status, achievements, passions, good works), in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him...”*  
Philippians 3:4-9 (ESV)

The Bible wasn't written to us, but it was written for us.

- Church level
- People level – what do individual Christians say?

These aren't the things we do to be saved, these are the things we do because we are saved!

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Romans 10:13 (ESV)

If our love of God is conditional on anything beyond Jesus' finished work on the cross, we might be subscribed to "Jesus +."

When we say with our mouths or even in our hearts, "God, because I do all these things for you, you owe me..."

If our attitude about the goodness of God is based on whatever happens in the current situation we are praying about, we might have subscribed to Jesus+.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

### **The ABC's of Salvation:**

1. **Admit** that you are living without God.
2. **Believe** the gospel, that Jesus died for your sins.
3. **Commit** your life to Jesus!