



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

PERSON OF INTEREST

12 Fascinating People from the Bible Everyone should Know!

“There were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.” Matthew 1:17 (NIV)

TIMELINE OF THE BIBLE
(*Based on Matthew 1:17)

In the Beginning...	Abraham - David	David - Exile	Exile - Messiah	Messiah -
Adam and Eve	~1,600 B.C.	~1,000 B.C.	587 B.C.	~5 B.C.
	Moses	Solomon	Daniel	Paul
Noah	Joshua	Jehoshaphat	Nehemiah	Barnabas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation • The Flood & the Ark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Law • Promised Land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temple Built • Kingdom Divided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temple Destroyed • God Silent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church • Gospel Preached

“Abraham: How God Tests our Faith”

“Some time later, God tested Abraham’s faith.” Genesis 22:1a (NLT)

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“My brothers and sisters, you will have many kinds of trouble...”

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“My brothers and sisters, you will have many kinds of trouble... But this gives you a reason to be very happy.”

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“You will have many kinds of trouble... But this gives you a reason to be very happy. You know that when your faith is tested, you learn to be patient in suffering.”

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“If you let that patience work in you, the end result will be good. You will be mature and complete. You will be all that God wants you to be.” James 1:2-4 (ERV)

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God’s goal for our lives isn’t for us to be happy.

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It’s for us to be holy.

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Faith Test #1: The Listening Test

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“Some time later, God tested Abraham’s faith. “Abraham!” God called. “Yes,” he replied. “Here I am.”
Genesis 22:1 (NLT)

The Listening Test (A-B-C-D-F)

“God tested Abraham’s faith. “Abraham!” God called. “Yes,” he replied. “Here I am.” “Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”

Genesis 22:1-2 (NLT)

Faith Test #2: The Action Test

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“The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac... and set out for the place God had told him about... “Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. ...and then we will come right back.” Isaac: “Father? We have the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” Abraham: “God will provide...””
Genesis 22:3-8 (NLT)

- “The next morning Abraham got up early.”
- “Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. ...and then we will come right back.”
- Isaac: “Father? We have the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?” “God will provide...”

The Action Test (A-B-C-D-F)

“When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go... Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!” “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.”
Genesis 22:9-12 (NLT)

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Faith Test #3: The “All-In” Test

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The “All-In” Test (A-B-C-D-F)