



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

SEVEN LAST WORDS

“Forgive Them”

“When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”
Luke 23:33-34 (NIV)

You can never make it where God wants you to be in life
if you choose to hold onto unforgiveness.

Quiz about Forgiveness (True or False):

1. Forgiveness is giving up your rights to get even with someone who hurt you.

“Don’t you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly?”
Matthew 26:53 (NLT)

2. Forgiveness is letting all judgments toward the person who has hurt you be handled by God.

“Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord.”
Romans 12:19 (NLT)

God can give truer justice and greater judgment than you can.

3. To forgive is to forget.

4. Forgiveness will fix the relationship between you and the person who hurt you.

Forgiveness is what you do... But to restore a relationship, the offender must do 3 things:

1. ...demonstrate genuine repentance.
2. ...make restitution when possible
3. ...Rebuild your trust by proving they’ve changed

Forgiveness can happen now. But trust must be rebuilt over time!

5. Forgiveness is choosing to stop feeding the anger and resentment toward the person who hurt you.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

6. To forgive, I must feel forgiving.

“Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?” “No!” Jesus replied, “seventy times seven!”
Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

You don’t just completely forgive people, you continually forgive them.