

Life Group 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 Life Group 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

THE LAND BETWEEN "Taking God Seriously"

"You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unending love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands." Exodus 20:4-6 (NLT)

An idol is anything that takes the focus off God and puts it on something/someone else.

"(Many) exchange the truth about God for a lie; they worship and serve what God has created instead of the Creator himself!" Rom. 1:25 (GN)

Identifying possible idols:

1. An idol is anything that promises a life of security and joy apart from God.
2. An idol is something in our life, that when it's challenged, we feel threatened.
3. Idols will always make you sacrifice for them.

How do we get to know the real God?

- Knowing God begins with faith

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

- Knowing God takes time

"He (Jesus) appointed twelve-- designating them apostles-- that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach." Mark 3:14 (NIV)

- Knowing God takes communication

"The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend." Exodus 33:11 (NIV)

- Knowing God takes commitment

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

Possible Action Steps:

- Baptism (August 30)
- Starting Point Zoom Group (starting in the next couple weeks)
- Connect #101 (today)