



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

“Forsaken”

“At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. At about three o’clock, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eli (elliE), Eli, lema (layma) sabachthani?” Which means, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:45-46 (NLT)

Everything Jesus said always means more than the words on the page.

“The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. “Look at you now!” They yelled at him. “You said you were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!” The leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders also mocked Jesus. “He saved others,” they scoffed, “but he can’t save himself! So he is the King of Israel, is he? Let him come down from the cross right now, and we will believe in him! He trusted God, so let God rescue him now if he wants him! For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” Matthew 27:39-43 (NLT)

Eli, Eli — is Hebrew; But "*lama sabachthani*" is in Aramaic

Worship is a sacrificial act and can also be an act of suffering.

It’s ok to ask God the tough questions.

God didn’t abandon Jesus. He’s on that cross. His name is Jesus!

“I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!” Psalm 22:22-23 (NIV)

“For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.” Psalm 22:24 (NIV)

“God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NIV)

God is like Jesus. God has always been like Jesus. There has never been a time God was not like Jesus. - Brian Zahnd

“Future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!” Psalm 22:30b-31 (NIV)

HE HAS DONE IT!

The closer Jesus got to the cross the fewer followers He had.