



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

RESILIENCE

“How to Handle Success”

Resilience: What helps you bounce back

“Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but a person is tested by being praised.”
Proverbs 27:21 (NLT)

2 types of pride:

- Good Pride: Self-respect, dignity, satisfaction with a job well done.
Joy in seeing others succeed. (Galatians 6:4, 2 Corinthians 7:4)

- Bad Pride: Conceit, egotism, selfishness.
Attitude of superiority. (Proverbs 16:5, 18, 29:23)

Nebuchadnezzar *“was taking a walk on the flat roof of the royal palace in Babylon. As he looked out across the city, he said, ‘Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my majestic splendor.’”*
Daniel 4:29-30 (NLT)

How Success can be Problematic:

1. Success can lead to Pride, and pride poisons our faith in God

“I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in my palace in comfort and prosperity.”
Daniel 4:4 (NLT)

“Pride leads to destruction; a proud attitude brings ruin.” Proverbs 16:18 (NCV)

2. We miss the warning signs

*“Your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that **Heaven rules**. Therefore, O king, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”*
Daniel 4:27-28 (NIV)

3. We put off doing what we know we should do.

“But all these things did happen to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later...”
Daniel 4:28-29 (NLT)

Resilience: What helps you bounce back.

How do you bounce back from failure?

- Look up

“After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven and my sanity returned.”
Daniel 4:34a (NLT)

- Wake up

*“Your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that **Heaven rules.**”*
Daniel 4:26 (NIV)

3 Truths about God:

- (1) God’s Kingdom will last way longer than anything I accomplish.

“God’s rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal!” Daniel 4:34c (NLT)

- (2) God’s Approval matters more than anyone else.

“All the people of the earth are nothing compared to Him.” Daniel 4:35a (NLT)

- (3) God’s Purpose is unstoppable.

“He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him.”
Daniel 4:35b (NLT)

- Speak up

“King Nebuchadnezzar sent this letter to the people, nations, and those who speak every language in all the world: I wish you peace and great wealth! The Most High God has done miracles and wonderful things for me that I am happy to tell you about.”

Daniel 4:1-2 (NCV)