



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
“Peter: Your Identity in Christ”

“When Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who are the people saying I am?” “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; some, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.” Then he asked them, “Who do you think I am?” Simon Peter answered, “The Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” “God has blessed you, Simon, son of Jonah,” Jesus said, “for my Father in heaven has personally revealed this to you—this is not from any human source. You are Peter, a stone; and upon this rock I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it.”
Matthew 16:13-18 (TLB)

“You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Once you had no **identity** as a people; now **you are God’s people**. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.”
1 Peter 2:9-10 (NLT)

My Identity as one of God’s People:

- I am Chosen

“You have been **chosen by God** himself!”
1 Peter 2:9 (LB)

- I have a Calling

“You are royal **priests**...”
1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

“You are royal priests... As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for **he called you** out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”
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- I am Extremely Valuable

“You are... a holy nation, **God’s very own possession**.”
1 Peter 2:9-10 (NLT)

“You are a people holy to the Lord your God... his **treasured possession**.”
Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV)

God says: “You are **precious** to me.”
Isaiah 43:4 (GNT)

"You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him..."

1 Corinthians 7:23 (LB)

- I am completely forgiven

"Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

1 Peter 2:10 (NLT)

"For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God!"

Ephesians 1:7 (TEV)

If you are a Christ-follower:

- You are Chosen
- You have a Calling
- You are Extremely Valuable
- You are completely forgiven

"The more you reaffirm who you are in Christ,
the more your behavior will begin to reflect your true identity!"

-Dr. Neil Anderson