

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

CONNECTION
"Dependence"

"Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other."
Rom. 12:5 (GW)

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Matthew 6:9 (KJV)

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 (KJV)

"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 (KJV)

"God's presence is often hidden beneath the turbulent and seemingly haphazard happenings of our lives. Ancient cosmology placed God's home in the sky. But I've found it as helpful to think of God beneath the surface of things, waiting to emerge in unexpected ways."

Drew Dyck - "Yawning at Tigers: You Can't Tame God, So Stop Trying"

How things seem, versus how they really are as it relates to prayer:

1. Sometimes it seems like God is not accessible - but He is!

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it." Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

"Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people." Revelation 5:8 (NLT)

2. Sometimes it seems like God can't really make a difference - but He can!

"When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: 'O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.'"
Acts 4:24 (NLT)

"O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!" Jeremiah 32:17 (NLT)

3. Sometimes it seems like God's bothered by your constant asking

"Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence." Luke 11:5-8 (NLT)

God values persistence!

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:9, 10 (NIV)