



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

SPREAD LOVE, GIVE HOPE

“Show Me Your Faith”

James 2:14-26

“If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”

“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, ‘Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well’ - but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.” You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?...”

James 2:14-20 (NLT)

“Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.”

James 2:26 (NLT)

3 Significant Points from James 2:14-26:

1. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

“What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?”

James 2:14 (NLT)

“So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.”

James 2:17 (NLT)

How useful is our Christian faith if it isn't producing real change in our heart that results in change in our actions?

“...People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.”

Romans 3:25 (NLT)

“So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.”

Romans 3:28 (NLT)

“Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.”

Romans 5:2 (NLT)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

2. Acknowledging God is not enough!

“You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.”

James 2:19-20 (NLT)

3. True Christians experience a heart change that results in action!

“So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.”

James 2:17-18 (NLT)

“Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.”

Matthew 7:20 (NLT)

If we are going to claim to be Christ followers, we need to live consistent with the Scriptures.