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

MISCONCEPTIONS

"3 Big Deals in the Life of a Christ Follower"

3 Big Deals in the Life of a Christ Follower:

- Baptism One Time Initiation (Matthew 28)
- Communion Ongoing Celebration (Luke 22)
- Serving Regular Participation (John 13)

Misconceptions about Baptism:

- "I'm going to wait until ______ is ready so we can all be baptized together."
- "I want to wait until my life is completely right."
- "I was baptized as an infant."

Baptism is like a <u>wedding ring</u> — it's the outward symbol of the inward commitment you made in your heart.

Misconceptions about Communion:

- "Shouldn't we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday?"
- "Is taking communion what makes you a Christian (or keeps you a Christian)?

"This is My body which is broken for you; do this **in remembrance** of Me." "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 1 Corinthians 11:24-25 (NKJV)

"The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:5-7 (NIV)

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"The Lord Jesus ...took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

"In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in *My* blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

"Each one should use whatever gift he's received <u>to serve others</u>." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Misconceptions about Serving:

1. "I don't have much to offer – I'm not sure I could really help in any significant way."

2. "A church this size, it doesn't need my help."

"Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others." Romans 12:4 (TLB)