

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

NEW YEAR - NEW FAITH

"Foundations"

January 13, 2019

"Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit." 1 Timothy 4:7b (Ph)

"I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally. I want them to..."
Colossians 2:1-2 (NLT)

Strong Faith Defined:

- (vs. 2a) "...to be encouraged" Hopefulness
- (vs. 2b) "...and knit together by strong ties of love." Community
- (vs. 2c) "...have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan." Confidence
- (vs. 4) "...no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments" Security
- (vs. 5) "...living as you should" Right Living

Summary: (vs. 5) "...your faith in Christ is **strong**."

*"Now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. **Then your faith will grow strong...**"*
Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

In the Parable of the Seeds (Matthew 13:1-23), Jesus says there are 4 Types of Hearts:

- Hard Heart

"The hard path where some of the seeds fell represents the heart of a person who hears the Good News about the Kingdom and doesn't understand it; then Satan comes and snatches away the seeds from his heart." Matthew 13:19 (TLB)

- Shallow Heart

"The shallow, rocky soil represents the heart of a man who hears the message and receives it with real joy, but he doesn't have much depth in his life, and the seeds don't root very deeply, and after a while when trouble comes, or persecution begins because of his beliefs, his enthusiasm fades, and he drops out."
Matthew 13:20-21 (TLB)

- Cluttered Heart

"The ground covered with thistles represents a man who hears the message, but the cares of this life and his longing for money choke out God's Word, and he does less and less for God."
Matthew 13:22 (TLB)

- Good Hearts

"The good ground represents the heart of a man who listens to the message and understands it and goes out and brings thirty, sixty, or even a hundred others into the Kingdom."
Matthew 13:23 (TLB)

Next Steps:

- Attend Discover Coastal Lunch (Today!)
- Get Baptized (Jan. 27th)
- Choose CLASS BLAST (Jan. 27th)
- Serve
- Connect with a Life Group