



# 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  
"Who's the Greatest?"

Greatness: sometimes it doesn't last like you think it might.

*"I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees... amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired men and women singers and a harem as well--the delights of the heart of man."*

*"I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me..."*

*"Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun."*  
Eccles. 2:4-11 (NIV)

Greatness: sometimes it doesn't satisfy like you think it will.

Jesus redefines greatness and redirects greatness

*"Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them."*

*"The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing."*

*"**Then** they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them."*

*Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. **But not here!** For I am among you as one who serves."*  
Luke 22:24-27 (NLT)

Among you it will be different:

- Different definition of greatness: "the greatest should take the lowest rank"
- Different type of leadership: "the leader should be like a servant"
- Different example of leadership: "I am among you as one who serves"

*“I’m not the Messiah, but I’m sent ahead of him. The bride belongs to the Bridegroom. The friend who attends the Bridegroom waits and listens for him and is full of joy when he hears his voice.”* John 3:28-29 (NIV)

*“He (Jesus) must become greater. I must become less.”* John 3:30 (NIV)

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