



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

UNBREAKABLE THREAD

“Check Your Compass”

*“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.**”*
1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (ESV)

Three Things about 1 Corinthians

1. We are reading a letter.
2. Corinth was known for its sexual immorality.
3. The church was growing in gifts but lacking in fruit.

*“It is actually reported that there is **sexual immorality** among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father’s wife. **And you are proud!**”*
1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (ESV)

“Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 16:24-25 (ESV)

*“**Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.**”*

1 Corinthians 13:6 (ESV)

4 Pressures to rejoice in wrongdoing:

1. We instinctively want to be liked and accepted
2. We have deceitfully wicked hearts

“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”

Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NLT)

3. Culture and Politics
4. The devil

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”

John 10:10 (ESV)

“...there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

John 8:44 (NIV)

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.”

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)

Progressive Christianity – a worldview that suggests that the Christian faith must “progress” over time as society “progresses.”

- Lower view of the Bible
- Elevate Feelings over facts
- Essential Christian doctrines are reopened for interpretation

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.”

Galatians 1:6,7 (NIV)

What can I do?

1. Know God’s Word!

*“For the **word of God** is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**”*

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

2. Be secure in your identity.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Psalms 27:1 (ESV)

3. Love people enough to tell them the truth.

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.”

1 Peter 3:15-17 (ESV)