# 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**

## PRESS ON "God Deserves our BEST!"

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on..."
Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

"When you bring blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice crippled or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?... Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD Almighty."

Malachi 1:8-10 (NIV)

3 Areas of Life that Deserve our B-E-S-T for God:

Time

"But my name is honored by people of other nations <u>from morning till night</u>. All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of my name. For my name is great among the nations," says the LORD Almighty." Malachi 1:11 (NLT)

- Daily: Quiet Time with God (Bible; Prayer)
- Weekly: Worshiping with other believers
- · Weekly/BiWeekly: Gathering with other believers in Life Group

Treasure

"You people are robbing me, your God. And, here you are, asking, "How are we robbing you?" You are robbing me of the offerings and of the ten percent that belongs to me... I am the LORD All-Powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing." Malachi 3:8-10 (CEV)

#### Talent

"You have said, 'What's the use of serving God? What have we gained by obeying his commands...?"

Malachi 3:14 (NLT)

"Surely the day is coming... for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall."

Malachi 4:1-2 (NIV)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Col 3:23-24 (NIV)