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

CSM TAKEOVER SUNDAY!

"Beatitudes"

Sermon on the Mount:

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:"

Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

The Sermon on the Mount <u>fully lived out</u> in our lives is what perfect faith in God looks like

The Beatitudes outline the big picture of the <u>qualities</u> and <u>actions</u> that should characterize the way believers live in the story of God.

Saint Oscar Romero said, "we preach the subversive witness of the Beatitudes, which have turned everything upside down.

Matthew 5:3-10 (NIV)

The ancient Greek word for "blessed" is makarios (mak-are-ee-Ahs)

Makarios is best described as "joy with a secret."

To be blessed in God's Kingdom is to be dependent on God

Matthew 5:3 *'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.''*

Matthew 5:4 *'Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.''*

Matthew 5:5 *'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.''*

Matthew 5:6 *'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.''*

Matthew 5:7 *'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.''*

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Matthew 5:9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:10 *'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*