



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

PERSON OF INTEREST
“Job: Lots of WHY Questions”

Job’s WHY Questions:

1. Why don’t I know what to say when somebody’s hurting?
2. Why doesn’t God just explain why bad things happen?
3. Why does it seem like bad people get away with everything?
4. Why does God seem so far away at times?

“WHY” Questions Job’s story raises:

1. Why don’t I know what to say when somebody’s hurting?

“I have heard many things like these; miserable comforters are you all! Will your long-winded speeches never end? What ails you that you keep on arguing?” Job 16:2-3 (NIV)

What hurting people really want is relief,
not answers to their questions.

2. Why doesn’t God just explain why bad things happen?

“If only I knew where to find God, I would go to his throne and talk with him there. I would lay out my case and present my arguments. Then I would listen to his reply and understand what he says to me.” Job 23:3-5 (NLT)

“Now we see things imperfectly as in a poor mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely.” 1 Corinthians 13:12 (NLT)

3. Why does it seem like bad people get away with everything?

“The truth is that the wicked live to a good old age. They grow old and wealthy... They spend their days in prosperity; then they go down to the grave in peace.” Job 21:7-17 (NLT)

“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” 1 Peter 5:10 (NASB)

“What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.” Romans 8:18 (NLT)

“That’s why I don’t think there’s any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times.” Romans 8:18 (MSG)

4. Why does God seem so far away at times?

“Why do you hide your face?”

Job 13:24 (NIV)

“Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm.”

Job 38:1 (NIV)

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.”

Psalm 23:4 (KJV)