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

PEACE OVER ANXIETY

"Promises, Promises"

3 Asks:

- Will you pray?
- Will you continue in your serving and giving?
- Will you support the next Lead Pastor?

Promises Jesus makes:

- The Promise of Answered Prayer (John 14:13-14)
- The Promise of the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-17)
- The Promise that God will reveal Himself to you (John 14:21)

"You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!" John 14:13-14 (NLT)

You can't automatically <u>claim a promise</u> that's been given to somebody else in the Bible unless the Holy Spirit gives it to you.

God speaks to people 2 different ways.

- 1. <u>Universally</u> -- to everybody.
- 2. <u>Personally</u> -- to individuals; specific messages for specific situations at specific times.

In the Greek there were two terms used for the term "word": "<u>Logos</u>" and "<u>Rhema</u>".

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15:7 (NIV)

"If you remain in me and my words ("rhema") remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15:7 (NIV)

"The devil took him ...to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you." Matthew 4:5-7 (NLT)

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"But the counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." John 14:26 (NIV)

"But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth." John 16:13 (NIV)

How do you know when it's God giving you a specific promise?

- 1. It will always <u>agree</u> with the Bible.
- 2. The Scripture comes "alive".

How do you hear from God?

- 1. <u>Confess</u> any known sin in your life.
- 2. <u>Commit</u> the decision to Christ.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NASB)

3. Get into God's Word

"Jesus answered, "You're off base on two counts: You don't know your Bibles, and you don't know how God works. ...don't you read your Bibles?" Matthew 22:29-31 (MSG)

4. <u>Listen</u> for God to give you a personal promise, a *rhema*.

- Don't pick <u>random</u> promises.
- Don't <u>rush</u> God.