



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

HELP MY UNBELIEF

“Knowing the Creator”

*“The father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; **help my unbelief!**”*

Mark 9:24 (NKJV)

“Then the LORD answered Job from the storm. He said: “Who is this that makes my purpose unclear by saying things that are not true? Be strong like a man! I will ask you questions, and you must answer me. Where were you when I made the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand.”

Job 38:1-5 (NCV)

Why did God answer Job’s questions with a lesson on Intelligent Design?

1. When I realize God is the Creator, it adds (a certain sense of) security to my life.

"Humans arose rather as a fortuitous and contingent outcome of thousands of linked events, any one of which could have occurred differently and sent history on an alternate pathway that would not have led to consciousness." -Stephen Jay Gould, Harvard University Evolutionary Theorist

"You are an animal and share a common heritage with earthworms." -from a biology textbook

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

2. When I realize God is the Sustainer, it helps me trust Him.

Jesus: *“...is before all things, and **in Him all things hold together.**”* Colossians 1:17 (NIV)

*“Then Job answered the Lord. **I know, Lord, that you are all-powerful;** that you can do everything you want.”*

Job 42:1-2 (GNT)

- Seeing God as Creator gives us faith in His Power

Job: *“You ask how I dare question **your wisdom** when I am so very ignorant. I talked about things I did not understand, about marvels too great for me to know.”* Job 42:3 (GNT)

- Seeing God as Creator helps us trust in His Wisdom

If God is smart enough to create the woodpecker and the honeybee,
he's smart enough to handle the toughest problem you're facing today!

- Seeing God as Creator allows us to experience God Himself

Job: *"In the past I knew only what others had told me, but now I have seen you with my own eyes."*
Job 42:5 (GNT)