

# 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

## NEW YEAR - NEW FAITH

### “Opportunity”

*“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many **opportunities** to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.*

*Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every **opportunity.**”*

Colossians 4:2-6 (NLT)

### **Paul asks for prayer for 2 things:**

- That God would give them more opportunities
- That God would help them make the most of the opportunities He gives them

“The gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important message in the world. It tells us about a God who loved us so much that he took our sin upon himself so that we could have eternal life with him. Getting that message to others is a matter of life and death. This is no time for small dreams or weak ambitions. It’s no time for territorial jealousies or status quo ministries. It’s time to dream great things for God, and then attempt great things for God.”

-Hero Maker: Five Essential Practices for Leaders to Multiply Leaders

### **Interesting Stats:**

- 18% attend church regularly
- 20% decline in last decade
- 225,000 people live within 5 miles of Coastal
- 184,000 are far from God\Church

*“Be wise in the way you live around those who are not Christians. Make good use of your time.”*

Colossians 4:5 (NLV)

### **Summation of Paul’s Logic:**

- Jesus is first
- Jesus went first
- We should put Jesus first in our lives.

### **How to take advantage of the God opportunities to be part of His mission:**

- Belong
- Invite
- Invest
- Pray