



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

UNBREAKABLE THREAD

“Real Love”

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“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)

The ancient Greek language had four words to describe different types of love:

GREEK WORDS FOR “LOVE”

1. Eros
2. Phileo
3. Storge
4. Agape

MEANING

- (Erotic; Sexual love)
(Friendship; Brotherly love)
(Love of a family)
(Self sacrificial love)

How do I live a life of real love (Agape)?

- Don’t settle for lesser loves.

“If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn’t love (Agape) others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal.”

1 Corinthians 13:1 (NLT)

“I may have the gift of prophecy. I may understand all the secret things of God and have all knowledge. But if I do not have love (Agape), then I am nothing”

1 Corinthians 13:2a (NCV)

“Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love (Agape).”

1 Corinthians 13:2b (LB)

“If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, but didn't love (Agape) others, I would be of no value whatsoever.” 1 Corinthians 13:3a (NLT)

If I don't live a life of real love (Agape):

- Nothing I say matters
 - Nothing I know matters
 - Nothing I believe matters
 - Nothing I give matters
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- Find out what real Agape is all about!

True Love is NOT a feeling... True Love is an action.

“Love is patient and kind.” 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT)

- Let Jesus be the source of real love that will help you with all your relationships.

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:8 (NLT)

“Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.” Ephesians 5:2 (Message)