



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

CAROLS

“What Child is This?”

Christmas Programming:

- 90% - No spiritual theme
- 7% - Some spiritual theme, but no reference to Jesus
- 3% - Focused on Jesus

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:5-11 (GNV)

What Christmas is all about:

1. Jesus is God

*“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ **Jesus: who, being in very nature God...**”*
(vs. 5-6a)

*“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us... And he will be called **Mighty God.**”*

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

2. Jesus became human

*“He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made **in human likeness** and being found in appearance as a man ...”* (vs. 7-8a)

3. Jesus came to die

*“He humbled himself and became obedient to death... even **death on a cross!**”* (vs. 8b)

*“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, **to bring you to God.**”*

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 (NASB)

4. Jesus is Lord

*“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD** ...”* (vs. 9-11a)