

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

THE RESISTANCE

“May the Lord (instead of the Force) be with you!”

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”-- which means, “God with us.” Matt 1:23 (NIV)

Truth: the Central Promise of the Bible: God: “I will be with you!”

“Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:20 (NIV)

Truth: The Lord is always present, whether we sense Him or not.

The Lord’s presence makes a difference:

- Wisdom in decision making - Joseph (Matthew 1:20; 2:13; 2:29; 2:21)
- Joy - shepherds - (Luke 2:10)
- Comfort and strength to not give up - Mary (Luke 1:49)
- Overcoming fear and doubt - Zechariah (Luke 1:12)
- Seeking and finding the Lord - Wise Men (Matthew 2:11)
- Finding intimate fellowship - Elizabeth (Luke 1:56)
- Answered prayer - Simeon (Luke 2:29)
- Salvation - Jesus (Luke 2:31)

“When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” Genesis 28:16 (NIV)

Truth: I can learn to recognize and experience God’s presence in my life.