

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

LIVING IN THE LAND BETWEEN

“Honor your Father and Mother”

“*Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*” Exodus 20:12 (NLT)

The 10 Commandments are absolute principles, true for everyone for all time, that you can build your entire life on.

God is talking to an entire nation.

“Honor is a decision to treat your parents with dignity and courtesy; a decision to provide long term loyalty to their best interests.”

“*Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”*

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NLT)

“*Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death....whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.*” Exodus 21:15, 17 (ESV)

But why should children obey? Because you belong to the Lord, and because it's the right thing to do.”

“*Son,” his mother said to him, “why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere.” “But why did you need to search?” he asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they didn’t understand what he meant. Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.*” Luke 2:48-51 (NLT)

“*You skillfully sidestep God’s law in order to hold on to your own tradition. For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’ But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others.*” Mark 7:9-13 (NLT)

Be the type of parent that is easy to honor.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)

“Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”

Colossians 3:21 (ESV)

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

“Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.”

Proverbs 13:24 (ESV)

“The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.”

Proverbs 29:15 (ESV)

Honor your parents because you belong to the Lord and it's the right thing to do.

“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.”

Ephesians 6:1 (NLT)

“Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.”

Colossians 3:20 (NLT)