

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

PRESS ON

“Heaven”

*“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I **press on** toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*
Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

“You are so Heavenly minded that you are of no earthly good.”

Aim at heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.”
- C.S. Lewis

“Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.”
Colossians 3:1 (NIV)

What is the present Heaven? -The “present Heaven” is a real place that Christ followers go the moment they die.

*“Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the **body** and at **home with the Lord.**”*
2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)

“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side.”
Luke 16:22 (ESV)

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”
Luke 23:43 (NIV)

Is the present Heaven a physical place? YES, I believe it is!

*“After this I looked, and behold, a **great multitude** that no one could number, from **every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing** before the **throne** and before the **Lamb, clothed** in white robes, with **palm branches** in **their hands**, and **crying out with a loud voice**, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*
Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)

*“They serve as a **copy** and **shadow** of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.”*
Hebrews 8:5 (ESV)

What will the present Heaven be like? A paradise!

*“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the **Tree of life**, which is **in the paradise of God**.”*

Revelation 2:7 (ESV)

Will we know what’s happening on earth? Maybe, but I believe YES!

“There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Luke 15:7 (NIV)

“...there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents”

Luke 15:10 (NIV)

*“Then I saw **“a new heaven and a new earth,”** for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, **coming down out of heaven from God**, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! **God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.**”*

Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)

How can you know you are going there?

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6 (NIV)

Heaven is not reserved for good people, it’s reserved for forgiven people.

Our goodness or righteousness is not the right currency for admission into Heaven!