



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

PEACE OVER ANXIETY
“The Promise of Answered Prayer”
John 14:13-14

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”
John 14:13-14 (ESV)

What is prayer?

Prayer is communication with God.

“The heart of God is our home, Jesus is the door, and prayer is the key.” – Richard Foster

Why don't we pray?

1. We don't have time.
2. We don't know how.

In the same way a loving child can't draw a bad picture, a child of God can't offer a bad prayer!

3. We don't believe it makes a difference.

3 Purposes of Prayer:

- to know God's will
- for our hearts to conform to God's will
- to see God move according to His will.

How do we pray?

Talk to God like you'd talk to anyone else.

The Lord's Prayer:

*“Our Father in heaven, **may your name be kept holy**. May your Kingdom come soon. **May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven**. Give us today **the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us**. And **don't let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one**.”*
Matthew 6:9-13
(NLT)

How to pray effectively

*“Whatever you ask **in my name**, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything **in my name**, I will do it.”*
John 14:13-14 (ESV)

When we pray in Jesus' name, we are...

1. Praying in the authority of Jesus, not our own.
2. We pray according to the will of God and not our own!

*“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything **according to his will** he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.”*

1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)

When God says no.

Paul: *“So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. **Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”***

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (ESV)

Jesus: *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”*

Matthew 26:39 (ESV)

What do we do when we God says no? We trust Him.