

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

LOVE LOUD

“The Gamble that Pays Off”

November 4, 2018

Odds of winning:

1 in	960,000.	Chance of being struck by <u>lightning</u>
1 in	9,000,000.	Chance of being struck by <u>lightning 2x's</u>
1 in	183,000,000.	Chance of being struck by <u>lightning while drowning</u>
1 in	21,000,000,000.	Chance of being hit by a <u>falling satellite</u>
1 in	88,000,000,000,000,000.	Chance of winning <u>Mega Millions</u>

“Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” John 13:12-17 (NIV)

- Jesus calls us to love one another

“This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.” John 13:35 (MSG)

“Jesus talked to His friends a lot about how we should identify ourselves. He said it wouldn’t be what we said we believed or all the good we hoped to do someday. Nope, He said we would identify ourselves simply by how we loved people.” — Bob Goff, “Everybody, Always”

When it comes to love, we’re rivers, not reservoirs. If love is always flowing into us without flowing out of us, we’re nothing but stinking and stagnant souls.

- Jesus promises blessing if we love one another

“Then Peter chimed in, “We left everything and followed you. What do we get out of it?” Matthew 19:27 (MSG)

“Let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

Next Steps:

- Go on today’s “VOLUN-TOUR”
- Sign up for COASTAL 301 SERVE (*figure out how God has uniquely shaped you)
- Pray over and fill out the Volunteer Survey
- Take the Spiritual Gift Survey at www.vbcoastal.com/301-survey