



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

DELIGHT
Jehovah-Jireh
"God is my Provider"
(Genesis 22:14)

Jehovah-Rohi-"God is my Shepherd" (Psalm 23:1)
You lead me and care for me like a good shepherd!

Jehovah-Rophe- "God is my Healer" (Exodus 15:26)
You can heal my body, emotions, and relationships!

Jehovah-Jireh- "God is my Provider" (Genesis 22:14)
You see what I need before I even ask!

"God tested Abraham's faith. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you." The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac... and set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day of their journey, ...Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back." ...As the two of them walked on together, Isaac turned to Abraham and said, "Father? We have the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?" "God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son," Abraham answered. And they both walked on together. When they arrived ...Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son." Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named the place Jehovah-Jireh (which means "the Lord will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." Genesis 22:1-14 (NLT)

"Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you."
Genesis 22:1-2 (NLT)

Why would God tell Abraham to sacrifice his son?

1. God wants to prove that he is different from the so-called gods of the nations around Abraham.

"Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" "Don't lay a hand on the boy... Do not hurt him in any way." Genesis 22:10-12 (NLT)

- This story is all about prophetic foreshadowing.
 - God called the prophet Hosea to marry a prostitute (Hosea 1)
 - God told Ezekiel to lie on his side for a year to symbolize the siege of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 4)
 - God asked Abraham to sacrifice of his own son, just as God would do one day with Jesus.

3 Small Words with 3 Big Lessons:

1. Test

“God tested Abraham’s faith.” Genesis 22:1 (NLT)

The test always comes before the testimony.

“He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak. Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up. But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength.”
Isaiah 40:29-31 (NLT)

“You will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:7 (TLB)

“Thus says the LORD... ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’”
Jeremiah 33:2-3 (NKJ)

2. Faith

You’ve got to show faith for it to really be faith.

- *“The next morning Abraham got up early.”*
- *“Abraham told the servants. ‘The boy and I will travel a little farther. ...and then we will come right back.’”*
- Isaac: *“Father? We have the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?”* *“God will provide...”*

3. Provide

God is much more likely to provide when you’re where you’re supposed to be-
doing what you’re supposed to be doing.

“On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.” Genesis 22:14 (NLT)

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalms 37:4 (ISV)

“Waymaker”

You are
Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are