



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

MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

“Verdict”

“Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God... made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, and being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

Christmas Explained:

1. Jesus is God

“Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God...”

Philippians 2:5-6a (NIV)

2. Jesus, as God, came to earth as a man

“He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, and being found in appearance as a man...”

Philippians 2:7-8a (NIV)

How was Jesus like us?

- He was born like us. (Luke 2:7)
- He grew like us. (Luke 2:52)
- He was tempted like us. (Hebrews 4:15)
- He suffered like us. (Matthew 26:38)

3. Jesus, as God, came to earth to die

“...he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

Philippians 2:8b (NIV)

- To demonstrate God's love.

*“God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were **still** sinners.”*

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

- To pay for my sins.

"He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross, so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life." I Peter 2:24 (LB)

4. Jesus is Lord

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord!" Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

"If you confess with your mouth, `JESUS IS LORD', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (NIV)