



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

RESILIENCE
“God’s Discipline”
Daniel 4

Questions about God’s discipline:

1. How does God’s Discipline work?

- Plan A Warning Stage
- Plan B Discipline Stage

(Plan A - Warning Stage for Nebuchadnezzar)

- (4:5) God sent a scary dream - to get his attention
- (4:13) God sent an angel - messenger – ‘holy one coming down from heaven’
- (4:19) God sent a wise friend - Daniel to tell him the truth
- (4:24-26) God details exactly what will happen if he doesn’t humble himself

“But all these things did happen to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later...”
Daniel 4:28-29 (NLT)

“The LORD says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control.”
Psalm 32:8-9 (NLT)

2. Does God discipline people today?

Examples of God’s Discipline:

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| 1. <u>Prayers</u> not heard | Psalm 66:18 |
| • Feeling <u>guilty</u> | John 16:8a |
| • God’s presence withdrawn | Jeremiah 7:13-15 |
| • Hedge of <u>protection</u> gone | Isaiah 5:5 |
| • Given over to sinful desires | Romans 1:24-31 |
| • <u>Death</u> | 1 Corinthians 11:30 |

3. How do you know if you’re being disciplined?

“My child, don’t ignore it when the Lord disciplines you, and don’t be discouraged when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes those he accepts as his children.”
Hebrews 12:5-6 (NLT)

4. So, if you realize God is disciplining you, what should your response be?

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”
Acts 3:19 (NIV)

3 steps to true repentance:

1. Conviction.
2. Confession.
3. Restitution.

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”

Luke 3:8 (NIV)

Worse things to do for someone caught in the cycle of discipline:

- Protect them
- Reject them