



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

GOOD TIDINGS

“Hope”

“The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:10-11 (KJV)

4 Gifts we could all use this Christmas:

- Hope
- Love
- Joy
- Peace

Where can we go to find hope that will genuinely make a difference in our lives?

Hope – being encouraged and confident because of my future with Christ

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 (NIV)

1. God is the ultimate source of hope

Paul doesn't say, "May your circumstances fill you with hope."

“May the God of hope fill you...”

Some people wait for their circumstances to bring them hope;
other people bring hope to their circumstances.

“And this hope will not lead to disappointment.” Romans 5:5 (NLT)

“...fill you with all joy and peace”

“...that you may overflow with hope”

2. God's hope is so powerful it can change your past and rewrite your future.

- We have hope because Jesus can change our past

“God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)

"If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing."
1 John 1:9 (NABRE)

- We have hope because Jesus can rewrite our future

"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life."
Titus 3:7 (CEV)

3. You start accessing God's hope when you put your trust in Him.

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Jesus: *"The one who loves Me is the one who has My teaching and obeys it. ...I will love him and will show Myself to him."*
John 14:21 (NLV)

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