



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

REBUILD
"The Last Word"
(Nehemiah 8)

A woman has the last word in any argument.
Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

Finishing well means giving God the last word in your rebuilding project.

"Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly..."

"He read it aloud from daybreak till noon... And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law..."

"Ezra opened the book... and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground."

Coastal's worship services:

- Celebration.
- Preparation.
- Inspiration.

"The Levites... instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there... making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read."

"Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ... Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them." Neh. 8:2-12 (NIV)

Rebuilding Lessons:

1. There are times we all need help understanding God's Word.

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:39 (NIV)

"Love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you."

Luke 6:27-28 (NLT)

"You must not eat winged insects that walk along the ground; they are detestable to you. You may, however, eat winged insects that walk along the ground and have jointed legs."

Leviticus 11:20-21 (NLT)

Why can the Bible be so hard to understand sometimes?

- Cultural Gaps
- Wisdom Gaps

What do when you don't understand something in the Bible?

- Assume God is right
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal truth
- Do some study (Life Application Bible, biblestudytools.com, <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bibleproject/id1523687027>)
- Discuss it.

2. The truth will set you free, but first it will make you miserable!

Understanding the truth also means
we understand how far we are from it.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

3. When you really "GET" God's Grace, you'll celebrate like never before.

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