



# 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

**MY ONE WORD**  
“It’s Hard to Change”

**2023 Words:**

- Self-control
- Rest
- Intentional

**Top 10 Most-Often Picked Words (\*From “My One Word”):**

1. Trust
2. Patience
3. Love
4. Discipline
5. Focus
6. Faith
7. Surrender
8. Peace
9. Listen
10. Joy

*“This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand....”* Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV)

- God’s shaping you into what He wants you to be, but it’s not an easy process.
  - Because I’ve lived with these things for so long.
  - Because what I do has a reward.
  - Because the Enemy discourages it.

*“I can master anything with the help of Christ who gives me strength.”*  
Philippians 4:13 (JB)

- God’s shaping you, but you’ve got to listen to Him.

*This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Go down to the potter’s house....”*  
Jeremiah 18:1 (NIV)

*“Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!”* Matthew 11:15 (NLT)

*“For as the waters fill the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the Lord.”*  
Habakkuk 2:14 (NLT)

*This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Go down to the potter's house..." So I went down to the potter's house,"*  
Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV)

- God's shaping you, but focus on doing good, not feeling good.

It is easier to act your way into a feeling  
than to feel your way into an action.

- God's shaping you, but focus on progress, not perfection.

*"...the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands...."*  
Jeremiah 18:3 (NIV)

*"But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him."*  
Jeremiah 18:4 (NIV)

*"But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over."*  
Jeremiah 18:4 (NLT)

*"God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task with you is finally finished...."*  
Philippians 1:6 (LB)