



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

CHURCH HURT

“Signs of a Healthy Church”

“I’d argue that many people today are not rejecting Christ so much as they are rejecting the church.”
- Craig Groeschel, “*Lead Like It Matters*”

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Acts 6:1 (NIV)

Signs of a Healthy Church:

1. A focus on Disciple Making

2. Diversity

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- 380,000 Churches
- 2.5% are Multi-ethnic
- Multi-ethnic: 80/20 Rule

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3. Community Ministry

4. Servant Leadership

“So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.’”
Acts 6:2-4 (NIV)

3 things Good Leaders do:

- They were honest
- They prioritized
- They involved others in the decision making

5. Congregational Trust

“This proposal pleased the whole group.”

Acts 6:5 (NIV)

“They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.” Acts 6:5-6 (NIV)

6. Strategic Power Sharing

7. Awesome Volunteers

How you can help:

- Pray

Jesus: *“Pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”*

Matthew 9:38 (NLT)

- Move

- Volunteer

8. Spiritual Fruit

“So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.” Acts 6:7 (NIV)

“Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29 (NLT)