

**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**

## BETTER TOGETHER

“The Friends We Need”

### Moses and Jethro

*“Moses' father-in-law said to him, “What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.” Exodus 18:17-23 (ESV)*

#### 1. The First Type of Friend We Should Have - Mentor Friend

##### Characteristics of a Mentor friendship

- 1) A friend who typically has more knowledge and overall life experience than you
- 2) A friend who is further along in their walk with the Lord than you
- 3) A friend that you look up to and respect

### David and Nathan

*“And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him. Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.” Nathan said to David, “You are the man!” 2 Samuel 12:1-13 (ESV)*

#### 2. The Second Type of Friend We Should Have - Brutally Honest Friend

##### Characteristics of a Brutally Honest Friendship

- 1) A friend who values honesty (integrity)
- 2) A friend who hears from the Lord
- 3) A friend who will tell you what you need to hear, not what you want to hear

## David and Jonathan

*“After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king’s son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn’t let him return home. And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David because he loved him as he loved himself. Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.”* 1 Samuel 18:1-4 (NLT)

*“And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul’s son, delighted much in David. And Jonathan told David, “Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you.” And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the Lord worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?” And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, “As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death.”* 1 Samuel 19:1-6 (ESV)

### 3. The Third Type of Friend We Should Have - Ride or Die Friend

#### Characteristics of a Ride or Die Friend

- 1) There’s generally an immediate bond
- 2) A friend who will sacrifice for you.
- 3) A friend who is loyal to you.
- 4) A friend who will go through the trenches with you.

**How are you doing with the friends you need?**