

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.

SUNDAY MESSAGE REVIEW

NOTE to the Life Group 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

THE VOICE
“Interpreting and Applying”
February 25, 2018
James Warren and Nick Xenakis

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.”
Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

Why is it important that we get it right?

1. The God of the Universe wants to speak to us and we have the opportunity to have a conversation with Him. (John 15:1-5)
2. Misunderstanding is real.
3. If we are going to hear from, respond to, and apply what God is saying to us we must spend time discovering God’s Word, exploring it, and soaking it in.

Top 3 Mistakes and their Fix

Mistake #1 - Read it as Consumers – We often look to scripture and pull out of it what makes us feel good instead of trying to truly see what God has to say to us.

Fix #1 – Start with a heart check

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”
Psalm 51:10 (NIV)

Mistake #2 - Not interpreting it properly – The bible is made up of different types of books, each type needing to be interpreted differently.

Fix #2 - Be life long learner

Mistake #3 - Read it but never apply it – We become like the Pharisees, knowing all about scripture but never allowing it to transform our lives.

“When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.” Then he added, “Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’^{1a]} For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” Matthew 9:12-13 (NLT)

Fix #3 - Attempt to Apply what we learn

“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.”

James 1:22-25 (NLT)

Two questions to ask when trying to apply Scripture:

What is God saying?

What am I going to do about it?