



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
“Hearing from God”

“Our Resolutions seldom work because they are based on the type of person we’re tired of being rather than who God wants us to become.”

Becoming a better person is good, but becoming who God wants you to be is better (godly)!

“Hearing from God”

1 Samuel 3:1-11 - God calls Samuel

“*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*” John 10:27 (ESV)

“*Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...*” Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV)

“*When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears, he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.*” John 16:13 (ESV)

4 Ways that we can expect God to speak to us today:

1. Through The Scriptures

“*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...*” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Discern - the process of examining something to determine whether it’s from God or not.

When we say yes to every good idea, we might find ourselves unavailable or too tired when we are presented with a God idea

2. The Holy Spirit (Revelation and Conviction)

When our minds and our hearts are finally in agreement with what the Holy Spirit is telling us, we feel conviction.

“*And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement...*” John 16:8 (ESV)

“*For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*” 2 Corinthians 7:10 (ESV)

3. Through other people

These are the 5 characteristics I look for in a mentor

- 1) Christ follower
- 2) Further along in their faith journey than me
- 3) More Christian life experience than me
- 4) Lead a godly life (evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit)
- 5) Someone I look up to and respect

When God speaks through another person, He will NEVER speak something contrary to what He has already spoken in His word!

4. Through circumstances

“And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28 (ESV)

Here are the four ways I've shared this morning that we can expect to hear from God today:

1. Through Scriptures
2. The Holy Spirit (revelation and conviction)
3. Through other people
4. Through circumstances

A few pointers that will help us hear the voice of God better.

1. Always listen out for God!
2. Obey His word!
3. Avoid sin in your life!
4. Spend Quality Time with God!