



# 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**

## BE READY

“For What”

“Tell everyone God’s message. **Be ready** at all times to do whatever is needed.”

2 Timothy 4:2 (ERV)

### Be Ready...For What?

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared (**be ready**) to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect”

I Peter 3:15 (ESV)

### Be Ready...to share your story

“So Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: “I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.”

Acts 26:1-3 (ESV)

“**[I testify] the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light** both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

Acts 26:23 (ESV)

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.”

Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV)

**Formless:** aka Chaos

**Empty:** despair

**Darkness:** without direction

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” — C.S. Lewis

### Be Ready...to LOVE

Even in the darkness, God's Spirit is still moving