



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

RESILIENCE

“Facing Impossible Challenges”

RESILIENCE - what helps people to bounce back after they've been knocked down.

“One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep.” Daniel 2:1 (NLT)

“He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed.” Daniel 2:2 (NLT)

As they stood before the king, he said, “I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means.” Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic, “Long live the king! Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means.” But the king said to the astrologers, “I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble!” Daniel 2:3-5 (NLT)

“The astrologers replied to the king, “No one on earth can tell the king his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer! The king's demand is impossible. No one except the gods can tell you your dream, and they do not live here among people.” The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed. And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.” Daniel 2:10-13 (NLT)

“The king's demand is impossible.” Daniel 2:11 (NLT)

When God wants to do something good, he starts with a difficulty.
But when he wants to do something great, he starts with an impossibility.

What do you do when you're facing an impossible challenge?

“When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom (“eta”) and discretion (“te-em”).” Daniel 2:14 (NLT)

- Gather all the facts you can before acting.

“He asked Arioch, “Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?” So Arioch told him all that had happened.” Daniel 2:15 (NLT)

“It is dangerous to have zeal without knowledge, and the one who acts hastily makes poor choices.” Proverbs 19:2 (NET)

- Find a way to buy more time

“Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant.” Daniel 2:16 (NLT)

It’s more important to make the right decision
than it is to make a fast decision.

- Pray, and get others to pray with you.

“Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon.” Daniel 2:17-18 (NLT)

God: *“Call to me and I’ll answer you, and I’ll show you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own!” Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG)*

“That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision.” Daniel 2:19 (NLT)

“The king said to Daniel, “Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?” Daniel replied, “There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king’s secret. But there is a God in heaven...” Daniel 2:26-28 (NLT)

“Things will never change.”

Jesus: *“All things are possible (...with God.)”*
Matthew 19:26 (AMPC)