

Life Group 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 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

NECESSARY CONVERSATIONS

“Politics”

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.”

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that...”

“...so that they may be one as we are one.”

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one...”

“Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that...”

“So that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” John 17:1, 11, 20–23 (NIV)

How can we stay unified around Jesus' Purpose and Message?

1. Show respect to those you disagree with politically

“Show respect for all people. Love the brothers and sisters of God's family. Respect God. Honor the king.” 1 Peter 2:17 (ICB)

“While Joshua was there near Jericho: He looked up and saw right in front of him a man standing, holding his drawn sword. Joshua stepped up to him and said, "Whose side are you on—ours or our enemies?" He said, "Neither. I'm the commander of God's army.” Joshua 5:13-14 (Message)

2. Put your faith (ultimately) in God (not government)

“Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” Matthew 22:15-17 (NIV)

“But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.” Matthew 22:18-22 (NIV)

“Let us make mankind in our image...²⁷So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them...male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:26, 27 (NIV)

3. Seek God and Godly Community

“We don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” 2 Chron. 20:12 (NIV)

To get the most from the October series, commit to 2 things:

- Find a Life Group
- Find Worship with Others Experience: In person worship \ Coastal at Home