



# 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

## RELATIONSHIP GOALS

### “What to Get Right as a Parent”

*“When Isaac was forty years old, he married Rebekah... Isaac pleaded with the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was unable to have children. The Lord answered Isaac’s prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins. But the two children struggled with each other in her womb. So she went to ask the Lord about it. “Why is this happening to me?” she asked. And the Lord told her...”*

Genesis 25:20-23 (NLT)

#### **What to get right as a parent:**

##### 1. Pray for your family

*“The Lord answered Isaac’s prayer.”* Genesis 25:21 (NLT)

*“She went to ask the Lord about it.”* Genesis 25:22 (NLT)

*“I know that you can do all things.”* Job 42:2 (NIV)

*“Sovereign LORD... Nothing is too hard for you.”* Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV)

Jesus: *“With God all things are possible.”* Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

#### **What are some other prayers you might pray for your family or yourself?**

- Belief that God is real (Genesis 28:16)
- Put their trust in Jesus (Acts 9)
- Strength (Luke 22:43)
- Faith in time of crisis (Luke 22:32)
- Protection (Job 1:10)
- Conviction (of wrongdoing) (John 16:8)
- To find grace (Acts 16:25-40)
- To find the right spouse (Genesis 24)
- Wisdom (James 1:5)

*“When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.”*

Genesis 26:34-35 (NIV)

*“When the time came to give birth, Rebekah discovered that she did indeed have twins! The first one ...they named him Esau. Then the other twin ...they named him Jacob. As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home.”*

Genesis 25 (NLT)

## 2. Help kids become who God made them to be

*“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*  
Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

Kids are not things to be molded, they’re Creations to be unfolded.

*“As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home. Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.”*

Genesis 25:27-28 (NLT)

Rebekah: *“Now, my son, listen to me. Do exactly as I tell you.”*

Genesis 27:8-10 (NLT)

Rebekah: *“Just do what I tell you!”*

Genesis 27:13 (NLT)

Rebekah: *“Listen carefully, my son. Get ready and flee...”*

Genesis 27:42-43 (NLT)

## 3. Raise kids to be independent

*“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, mind your own business and work with your hands... so that you won’t be dependent on anybody.”* 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV)

Teach kids independence from everything except God

*“Seek first God’s kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well.”*  
Matthew 6:33 (NCV)