



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

WHEN GOD SPEAKS

“Why God Speaks”

1. God speaks so we can know who He is!

Natural Revelation – God revealing Himself to us through His creation.

*“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For **his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.**”*
Romans 1:19-20 (ESV)

Special Revelation – God revealing Himself to us through His word, and other things.

*“The Lord, the Lord, a **God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty...**”*
Exodus 34:6,7 (ESV)

God speaking to us through the Scriptures is called “Special Revelation”

2. God speaks so we can know His desires and will!

*“For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So **also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.**”*
1 Corinthians 2:11,12 (ESV)

What are God's desires and what is His will?

- He longs for everyone to be saved (2 Peter 3:9)
- He chose to save us by His grace through faith in Christ alone and nothing or no one else (Ephesians 2:8,9)
- He prefers love and not sacrifice (Hosea 6:6)
- He wants us to love one another (John 13:34)
- He wants us to wash each other's feet (John 13:14)

3. God Speaks so we can know our value and purpose!

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”
Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

*“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**”*
Psalm 139:13-14 (ESV)

*“For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**”*
Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

God's purpose for us in life is simple: Do good works.

- Worship God
- Share the Gospel
- Feed the hungry
- Clothe the naked
- Take care of widows (the marginalized)

*“Commit your **work** to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”*
Proverbs 16:3 (ESV)