

# 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.

## 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

**SHORT STORIES BIG IDEAS**  
**“A New Cloth on an Old Coat”**  
**Guest Speaker: Marshall Boney**  
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*“Once when John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, some people came to Jesus and asked, why don’t your disciples fast like John’s disciples and the Pharisees do? Jesus replied, do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. They can’t fast while the groom is with them. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. V. 21 Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins.” Mark 2:18-22 (NLT)*

When Jesus prioritized Feast over Fast, He changed our priority to “**people** over **practice!**”

It was noted in a study that when change is introduced, people respond differently.

- \* **2.6%** are early innovators (they go with it right away)
- \* **13%** are early adopters (they don’t take long to get onboard)
- \* **34%** are slow majority (they get onboard eventually)
- \* **34%** are reluctant majority (they get onboard reluctantly, complaining)
- \* **16%** are antagonist (they will never change)

God wants to do something **new in the lives** of His people.

If we are not **truly changed** ourselves by the redeem blood of the Lamb.

We will continue to **tear** people in two ways:

- 1). We tear people with **old thinking...**

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that **by testing** you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

- 2). And we will tear people with **old ways...**

*“When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death.”*

Romans 7:5 (NLT)

*“Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.”*

Ephesians 4:22 (NLT)

So there’s a way that naturally seems right to us. But your bible says to throw it off... This means to “**change into**” a different kind of **conduct**.

## So how do we stop patching problems?

I think we have a strong understanding of the gospel past – meaning, we trust deeply in the historic sacrifice of Jesus which paid the penalty for our sin.

I also think we have a strong understanding of the gospel future – meaning, we trust eagerly in the eternal promise of heaven to come.

But we need to embrace the theology of “now-ism” of the gospel. In other words, we need to take full advantage of the benefits of Christ today and adjust our lives accordingly.

Jesus is the New Covenant for those whom are ready to adjust both their thinking & their ways!

New Covenant priorities require: Forgiving, Delivering and Restoring.

### **Through Christ, we forgive because we have been forgiven:**

*“He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.”* Psalms 103:12 (NLT)

### **Through Christ we deliver hope, because we have been delivered:**

Your life should look progressively different after you come to Christ. When we give our lives to Christ, we die to sin. This means that we are no longer dominated by it! Romans 6:1-14

### **Through Christ we restore faith, because our faith has been restored:**

*“I will restore to you the years...”*

Joel 2:25 (ESV)