



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

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

“Buying Happiness”

“If you think money can't buy happiness, you're not spending it right!”

-Michael Norton, “Happy Money”

Jesus: *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

Acts 20:35 (KJV)

Jesus: *“There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.”*

Acts 20:35 (GNT)

“Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.”

1 Timothy 6:17 (NLT)

- If you have enough food, clothes, live in a house / apt, and have a reliable means of transportation, you are among the top 15% of the world's wealthy
- If you earn \$25,000 or more annually, you are in the top 10%
- If you earn more than \$50,000 annually, you are in the top 1%

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In God we Trust is written on our money,
but it should also be written on our hearts!

“90% with God goes a lot further than 100% without!”

“Teach those who are rich in this world... Their trust should be in God... Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.”

1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NLT)

Types of Givers:

- Initial Giver: (1 Timothy 6:17)
- Consistent Giver: (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
- Intentional Giver: (Malachi 3:10)
- Sacrificial Giver: (2 Samuel 24:24)
- Lifetime Giver: (1 Chronicles 29:2-5)

Paul's advice:

- You are rich!
- Don't be proud of your money
- Don't put your trust in money
- Trust ultimately in God
- Use some of your money for enjoyment
- Use some of your money to do good
- Always be ready to share with others...

“By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.”

1 Timothy 6:19 (NLT)

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Acts 20:35 (KJV)