



# 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**

## HOLY HABITS

### “Community”

*“And let us consider how to stir up **one another** to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging **one another**, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*  
Hebrews 10:24,25 (ESV)

#### The First Benefit of Community: Fellowship

*“And they devoted themselves to the **apostles’ teaching** and the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and the **prayers**....And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”*  
Acts 2:42; 46-47 (ESV)

#### Four things we hope to get in community:

1. Our needs met
2. A feeling that we belong
3. A feeling that we matter

“In each of my friends there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out. By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity...Now that Charles is dead, I shall never again see Ronald’s reaction to a specifically Charles joke. Far from having more of Ronald, having him “to myself” now that Charles is away, I have less of Ronald.” - C.S. Lewis

4. An emotional connection

#### The Second Benefit of Community: Discipleship

**Discipleship** – the learning and practicing of spiritual disciplines for the purpose of ongoing growth in spiritual maturity.

- Who is discipling me and who am I discipling

*“And they **devoted** themselves to the **apostles teaching**...”* Acts 2:42 (ESV)

- Am I devoted to learning how to be a better Christ follower?
- Am I devoted to growing in spiritual maturity

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”*  
Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

### **The Third Benefit of Community: Accountability**

*“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, **you who are spiritual** should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*  
Galatians 6:1-2 (ESV)

*“What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? **Are you not to judge those inside?** God will judge those outside. Expel the wicked person from among you.”*  
1 Corinthians 5:12-13 (NIV)

*“Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, **rebuke him**, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”*  
Luke 17:3,4 (ESV)

*“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives... For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”*  
Hebrews 12:5-6, 11 (ESV)

#### **5 Places to engage in community at Coastal:**

1. Sunday Morning Service
2. Serving at Coastal
3. Coastal Classes
4. Men’s / Women’s Ministry
5. LIFEgroups

*“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”*  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (ESV)