



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

I BELIEVE, BUT...
“Did Jesus really resurrect from the dead?”

"I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him... the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead."

Eph. 1:20 (LB)

"The father cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:24 (NLT)

How to get the most out of this message series:

- Commit to connecting here every week
- Invite someone to join you
- Join a Life Group
- Educate yourself

"If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless..." 1 Corinthians 15:17 (NLT)

Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus:

- Early Accounts.

"When I was an atheist, the way that I would write off the resurrection is by saying it's a legend. Jesus was crucified in 33 A.D. and I used to believe that the New Testament writings about Jesus weren't written down until 50, 60, 100 years later. So you've got this huge gap of time. And certainly in that gap of time all kinds of legends and make believe and wishful thinking grew up and distorted what had actually happened so that when the New Testament was finally written it probably bears no resemblance to what actually had taken place. I used to believe that. But then I looked at the evidence. What I found was that scholars have discovered that the New Testament writings about Jesus were written much closer to the life of Jesus Christ than critics had once charged. In fact, they were written well within the lifetimes of eyewitnesses that would have corrected the information if it had been exaggerated or false."

-Lee Strobel, Former Atheist

"I passed on to you what I received, which is of the greatest importance: that Christ died for our sins, as written in the Scriptures; that he was buried, and was raised to life on the third day."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (TEV)

- The Empty Tomb.

“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.” Luke 24:1-3 (NIV)

- Eyewitness Testimony.

“He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also.” I Corinthians 15:5-8 (NIV)

- Every changed life.

“This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is changing lives everywhere, just as it changed yours.” Colossians 1:6 (NLT)

“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 (NIV)