



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

LEAN IN
“Why I can Trust the Bible”

“Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, **listening** to what he taught. But Martha was **distracted**.”
Luke 10:39-40 (NLT)

The kind of thinking that distracts us from leaning in to God’s Word:

- “It’s too irrelevant to my life.” — “Benefits of basing your life on the Bible.”
- “It’s too complicated.” — “Understanding the meaning of a text.”
- “It’s too out-dated.” — “How to integrate the Bible in your everyday life.”
- “It’s too questionable.” — “Why I can trust the Bible.”

I can trust the Bible because:

1. It’s trusted by so many

2. It’s so honest

- James and John wanted to blow up innocent people. (Luke 9:51-56)
- Thomas doubted Jesus rose from the dead. (John 20:24-29)
- Peter chopped off a guy’s ear, then denied he even knew Jesus. (Matthew 26:47-56; Luke 22:54-62)

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3. It's historically accurate

No archeological find has ever disproved anything in the Bible.

Nature Scientific Reports: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-021-97778-3>

4. It has survived all attacks through the years

“The grass withers and the flower fades. But the word of the Lord remains forever.”
1 Peter 1:24-25 (NLT)

“One hundred years from today, the Bible will be a forgotten book.” -Voltaire

5. It changes people's lives

“The word of God is alive and powerful.” Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

“Blessed is the one who reads the words of God's message, and blessed are the people who hear this message and do what is written in it.” Revelation 1:3 (NCV)