

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.

PURSUING LIFE TOGETHER 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

GOD IS GREAT - GOD IS GOOD
“Hope: Anticipating God’s Goodness”

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

– A. W. Tozer

Poor Substitutes for Hope

- Wishful thinking
- Blind optimism
- Ambitious dreams

Hope: Anticipating God’s Goodness

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 (NIV)

The 4 most Discouraging Words:

“THINGS WILL NEVER CHANGE.”

The Encouraging Words of Jesus:

“ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE (...with God.)” Matthew 19:26.

Guiding principles:

Principle #1: Everything on earth is broken by evil & sin (Romans 8:22; Matt. 24:12)

Principle #2: God’s goodness is based on His character, not on our circumstances.
(Mark 10:18; Psalm 119:68)

“I would have despaired unless I had believed that I’d see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Instead I thought ‘Wait for the Lord! Be strong and let your heart take courage! Yes, wait for the Lord!’” Psalm 27:13-14 (NAS)

What can you do as you wait for the Lord?

- Encourage yourself in the Lord (David in 1 Samuel 30)
- Stay connected with God’s People (Thomas in John 20)