



# 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**

## UNBREAKABLE THREAD

“Love does not Envy”

“Love is patient, love is kind. **It does not envy**... it is not proud.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (NIV)

### Sometimes pride looks like:

- Arrogance
- Being Judgmental
- Refusing advice
- Attention seeking
- Selfish ambition
- Self sufficiency

“I’ve learned why people work so hard to succeed. It’s because they envy the things their neighbors have.” Ecclesiastes 4:4 (GNV)

“Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be **disharmony** and every type of **wickedness**.” James 3:16 (NCB)

Jesus’ Story of the Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20)

### How we can get rid of envy so we can really love people?

1. Stop comparing yourself to others.

“Those hired last came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first **saw that, they assumed** they would get far more.” Matthew 20:9-10a (MSG)

2. Learn to appreciate God’s generosity to others.

“The workers who had been hired first thought they would be given more than the others. But when they were given the same, **they began complaining** to the owner of the vineyard.” Matthew 20:10-11 (CEV)

The Vineyard Owner: “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ...I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or **are you envious because I am generous?**” Matthew 20:13-15 (NIV)

### Definition of Envy:

Resenting God's generosity to others and Ignoring God's goodness to me.

*"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."* Romans 12:15 (NIV)

*"The Lord's love never ends. His mercies never stop. They are new every morning."*  
Lamentations 3:22-23 (ICB)

*"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about 3,000 were added to their number that day."*  
Acts 2:41 (NIV)

*"All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader."*  
1 Samuel 22:2 (NIV)

### 3. Be grateful for what you do have.

*"Those hired at five o'clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, 'These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun.'"*  
Matthew 20:9-12 (MSG)

*"Isn't everything you have and everything you are sheer gifts from God? So what's the point of all this comparing and competing? You already have all you need!"*  
1 Corinthians 4:7b-8a (MSG)

### 4. Trust God when life seems unfair.

*The Owner: "Friends, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on... What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?"*  
Matthew 20:13-15a (CEV)

*"When I am afraid, O Lord Almighty, I put my trust in you."* Psalm 56:3 (GNT)