

## God's Not Finished With You

### How Plans Look:

<u>MY WAY</u> -----	<u>GOD'S WAY</u>
<b>PROGRESSIVE</b> -----	<b>CONFUSING</b>
<b>OBVIOUS</b> -----	<b>SUBTLE</b>
<b>EXTERNAL</b> -----	<b>INTERNAL</b>
<b>TEMPORAL</b> -----	<b>ETERNAL</b>
<b>INSTANT</b> -----	<b>PATIENT</b>
<b>CUSHIONED</b> -----	<b>REFINED</b>

### How to Build the Life You're Called to Build

1. Count the **COST**.  
Luke 14:28
2. Fixate on the **IMAGE**.  
Romans 8:28-29
3. Read the **INSTRUCTIONS**.  
Psalm 1
4. Follow the **STEPS**.  
Proverbs 3:5-6
5. Trust the **ARCHITECT**.  
Philippians 1
6. Don't cut **CORNERS**.  
2 Timothy 2
7. When you **MESS UP**, make it **RIGHT**.  
1 John 1:9
8. Push through the **MONOTONY** of **DISCIPLINE**.  
1 Corinthians 9:27
9. Understand your **ROLE** in the bigger **STORY**.  
Isaiah 55
10. **PROXIMITY** to the architect is more important than **PRODUCTIVITY** for the architect.  
John 17:3

### Everything is Already in the Box



## Life Group Study Questions

For the week of May 24, 2020

Three months ago, we had no idea we would end up with a “stay at home” order and transition to meeting with our Life Groups online. It will be a time none of us will forget. This week we’re going to take a moment to look back and see how God has worked during this crazy time in history. Please make sure you take time to think through the questions for what we believe could be a unique and memorable meeting with your group.

*Because it is the last meeting of the Spring Quarter, this week will have an abbreviated study, time to reflect on your group’s experience and the celebration of Communion together. As we wrap up this quarter, we’d love your feedback. If you have not done so already, please fill out the feedback form that was emailed to you last week.*

**SUMMER LIFE GROUP PLAN:** Whether your group decides to take a break, continue meeting, meet socially or gather in person for a sermon watch party (once that is allowed), our hope for the summer is that each of you will stay connected and care for each other. Check out the end of this week’s Life Group Questions for other suggestions to stay connected and grow this summer. We are planning the next official Fall Life Group Quarter to begin September 20, but we know that could potentially change if needed.

### MY STORY

This week we would like to add a physical element to your virtual meeting. There are two things we want you to bring with you. One is for the end of your meeting. The other represents you personally. Check out the details below to know what they are:

*#1 Juice and crackers for a virtual Communion at the end of your meeting. There is a video option your Leader and Host may use to help guide you through this part of the meeting.*

*#2 Find something in your house that represents you and your past two months during COVID-19. Be ready to talk about this with your group. Feel free to have fun with this, while also sharing why it is meaningful.*

### DIGGING DEEPER

This weekend we heard the great news that God is not finished with us yet! In the verses below, what catches your attention about the hope we have that God is working in our lives?

**John 10:10** *New International Version (NIV)*

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**Ephesians 3:14-21** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

As you look back at what caught your attention for those verses, what is most important for you to remember during your summer break from your Life Group?

## LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

1. The great news and hope we have no matter what life throws at us is that God is good and He's at work in our lives! Looking back at this past quarter, what are one or two of the most important things God has taught you or that you want to thank Him for?

2. Obviously we don't have a normal summer ahead as there are many unknowns, but God is still at work. How can your Life Group best pray for you this summer?

## REMEMBERING

Jesus wants us to remember what He has done for us; and He is here to walk through life with us. That's why Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper to repeatedly come together and take Communion. Taking Communion is about remembering all Christ accomplished through His death on the cross and resurrection. It is through this sacrifice that Jesus' grace and mercy are made available to us.

This week, your Life Group will conclude by taking Communion together as the disciples did. To prepare for this, read the following verses and reflect on Jesus' commitment and work in your life as you follow Him.

### **1 Peter 2:22-25** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup> For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-28** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

### **John 15:12-17** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

What catches your attention as beneficial to remember as you take Communion with your group?

# COMING THIS SUMMER!

Here are some ways to stay connected and continue growing this summer. Check our website for updates as more details will be added in the weeks to come. [northcoastchurch.com/](http://northcoastchurch.com/)

## ***Summer Study Series***

We have three incredible virtual events lined up this summer by each of our teaching pastors: Chris Brown, Larry Osborne and Christopher Hilken! More details coming soon.

## ***Summer Classes***

We are putting together a great collection of virtual classes and webinars on a variety of topics that will be offered throughout the summer, including Financial Peace University, United in Marriage, and more. More details coming soon. [northcoastchurch.com/classes](http://northcoastchurch.com/classes)

## ***Summer Introduction to Life Groups***

New to North Coast or never been in a Life Group? Curious what being part of a Life Group is all about? Summer Connection Intro Life Groups meet for two to three weeks and are a great opportunity to find out what Life Groups are like with minimum commitment. More details coming soon.

## ***Summer Sermon Watch Parties***

When and if the stay-at-home orders are lifted, and we are able to meet in groups of 10-12, we encourage you to gather with your friends, family, Life Group, neighbors, etc. to watch the sermon together. We will be adding some additional questions to our Food for Thought during the summer in order to help guide discussion in groups and sermon watch parties.