

GROUP GUIDE

ROOTED WEEK 2 | WHO IS GOD?

WELCOME & REVIEW COVENANT (10 MINUTES)

Welcome to Week 2! As you enter the second week of your Rooted experience, remind people of the Rooted covenant that they committed to last week and about group rules (e.g. confidentiality, no “fixing,” no condemning, etc.).

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Kick things off with an icebreaker. A couple of icebreaker ideas:

- “Things in Common” game
- Lightning Round Relational Questions: “What is/was your career/vocation? If you’d like to share with us about any family you may have, please do so.”

SHARE STORIES (15 MINUTES).

Leaders, you will be the first in your group to share your story. Keep it brief, 3-5 minutes per individual/couple. Use the Weekly Story: Sharing & Listening card to outline and form your thoughts.

Once one person has shared their story, thank them for sharing and invite the group to speak aloud together this prayer, “God, thank you for your unfolding story in _____ life.” Repeat this for the next person who shares their story.

Before moving on, ask for two more people to share their stories the following week.

Two people for next week: _____ and _____

INTRODUCE TOPIC & TRANSITION TO DISCUSSION (15-20 MINUTES)

Briefly introduce the topic for tonight’s discussion (*consider inviting someone to read the introduction paragraph from this week’s daily work included below*).

This week during Rooted we asked and answered the question: “Who is God?” This is probably the biggest, most life-impacting question we could ever ask and answer! What we think about God and how we think about God will make all the difference in our lives. The only bigger question might be what God thinks of us.

- How would you describe your view of God when you were a kid?
- How has that changed over the course of your life?
- Imagine God looking at you. What expression do you imagine is on His face? Explain.



DISCUSS ROOTED WEEK 2 DEVOTIONALS (30-40 minutes).

A couple tips as you get into this part of the discussion: (1) Bring your Bible and encourage your group to do so, as well. Guide discussions around God's Word; (2) Encourage conversation: "Has anyone else experienced anything like that? What was that like?"

Reflect on the following questions:

- What is something you learned about God and His love for you this week?
- Reflect on the following question from Day 3: How do you respond to the idea that God wants relationship with you? How would your day-to-day change if you focused on His great love for you?
- What is one takeaway from this week's devotionals?
- SALVATION (page 33) – Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Have you been immersed/baptized? Please reference the supplemental handout included in this week's daily work.
- Memory Verse: What does this mean to you? Did it affect you in any way this week?

REVIEW NECESSARY LOGISTICS (10 minutes)

- Take a few moments to confirm/plan your Prayer Experience (location, time, childcare plans, etc.). Note: Prayer Guides will be in your facilitator basket next week. You can pass them out to everyone then or wait until you gather for the Prayer Experience.
- Instruct your group to complete their Week 3 devotionals covering, "How Does God Speak to Us?" and to learn their new Memory Verse.

CLOSE IN PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

In your groups, take turns sharing prayer requests. You can remind your group of confidentiality. When everyone has shared, you can either appoint/ask someone to pray, or you can split into smaller groups for prayer to have people pray over one another!

