

GROUP GUIDE

ROOTED WEEK 3 | HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO US?

WELCOME & ICEBREAKER (20 MINUTES)

Give everyone some time to settle in- grab snacks & mingle and then kick things off with an icebreaker!

A couple of icebreaker ideas:

- 2-3 Questions/Game/Activity/etc. (see [icebreaker handout](#) in shared folder for ideas)
- Lightning Round Relational Questions: "What is one way/area you want to grow closer in your relationship with God?"

SHARE STORIES (15 MINUTES).

Have the two people you assigned to share their story do so tonight. Give them 3-5 minutes worth of time. They can use the "WEEKLY STORY: Sharing & Listening" card as an outline.

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 story the following week.

Two people for next week: _____ and _____

INTRODUCE TOPIC & TRANSITION TO DISCUSSION (10 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**).

Today we will be discussing the topic: "How Does God Speak to Us?"

Whether we realize it or not, God is not hidden away and God is not silent. He has spoken to us and through His inspired Word, He continues to speak to us today! This week you explored that God is Revealer and the ways He reveals Himself to us today!

- Think of someone you have or had difficulty communicating with. What makes/made it difficult?
- Think of someone easy to talk with? Why do you think that is? Do you have good relationship with that person? Why?
- What communication factors do you think are necessary for a good, healthy relationship?



DISCUSS ROOTED WEEK 3 DEVOTIONALS (30-40 minutes).

A couple tips as you get into this part of the discussion: (1) As you transition to this week's devotions/topic, note that God DOES speak to us through His word and wants a personal relationship with us! (2) Be sure to emphasize the rhythms of Rooted associated with this particular week: Daily Devotion & Prayer (see page 6 in workbook for further details!)

Reflect on the following questions:

- Of all the ways God speaks, what is most clear to you?
- How well would you say you listen to God? How well would you say you speak to God?
- How does your view of God (Week 2) impact the quality of your communication with Him?
- How do you think focusing on God's love could improve your communication with Him?
- From the devotions, what did you find most helpful to improve communication with God?
- What is one takeaway from this week's devotions? How can it be applied to life?
- 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 or continue planning your Prayer Experience (location, time, childcare plans, etc.). Note: Prayer Guides will be in your leader basket next week. You can pass them out to everyone then or wait until you gather for the Prayer Experience.
- Remind people about your Serve Experience (and the details surrounding childcare!)
- Instruct your group to complete their Week 4 devotions covering, "Where is God in the Midst of Suffering?" 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!

