

GROUP GUIDE

ROOTED WEEK 6 | HOW DO I MAKE THE MOST OF MY LIFE?

WELCOME & ICEBREAKER (20 MINUTES)

Give everyone some time to settle in - grab snacks and mingle.

TIP: If people are sitting in the same seats, try switching to engage in new dynamics and discussion.

- How'd last week go? How was that experience (strongholds discussion) together?
- How did it impact you this week? Do you see strongholds in a different way?
- Encourage your group to continue on the path of breaking free from strongholds, including accountability and support from the group.

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 "My Story" 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**).

In John 20:21 Jesus says, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." This week we will be exploring what Scripture says about how we can partner with God in His redemptive mission for the world, serving His Kingdom—both in the Church and the world.

- Who do you know that reflects the heart of Jesus in the way they live their life?
- What would Jesus do in your community today? Where would He spend His time?
- When you have completed your Serve Experience together, take time to debrief the experience, noting what God is speaking to your group members about their life and about serving. What are possible next steps?



DISCUSS ROOTED WEEK 6 DEVOTIONS (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 doesn't simply forgive us and give us salvation but also invites us to be a part of His redemptive work in the world. (2) Be sure to emphasize the RHYTHMS of ROOTED associated with this particular week: sacrificial generosity, serve the community, and share your story (see page 6 in workbook for further details!)

Reflect on the following questions:

- What are ways you can become involved in the Great Commission? What are your thoughts about being “blessed to be a blessing” when it comes to sharing the Good News?
- As you reviewed the list of spiritual gifts, which ones seemed to stand out as gifts you have received? How can you use these gifts in this season of your life?
- As you look at your life and the gifts God has given you, what sense do you have of the purpose He has for you and how He wants to use you in His Kingdom?
- Share about a time you received help from someone. How did it feel and what did it tell you about him or her?
- Where are you more comfortable serving—in the church or in the community? Why?
- Day 4 from the Daily Work explores the definition of poverty as the absence of Shalom (consider reading the quote by Steven Corbett & Brian Fikkert aloud from your Workbook on pg. 141-142) How do you respond to this definition of poverty? What stands out to you?
- Where have you experienced the compassion of God or others in your life? Where have you experienced a lack of compassion from others?

REVIEW NECESSARY LOGISTICS (10 minutes)

- REMIND people about your serve experience details (and the details surrounding childcare!). Make sure everyone reads pages 134-135 to prepare.
- Instruct your group to complete their Week 7 devotions covering, “How Does God View Money?” and to learn their new memory verse.

CLOSE WITH PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

In your groups, consider taking time to pray over your serve experience and the organization you will be serving. Pray for God to bring about future opportunities for you to serve together.

Continue to encourage sharing of personal prayer requests by using the notecards provided in your meeting room. Have everyone grab a notecard, write what they would like prayer for this week, and then ask each person to swap their card with another group member. This way everyone gets to share a request and has someone praying for them this week!

