



# ROOTED

## Week 10 Group Guide Why Is The Church Important?

### Icebreaker

Would you rather do a large project independently or as part of a team?

### Overview of the Main Theme

We have made it to the final week of *Rooted*! This week, we are taking a look at the importance of the church. When the church is functioning well, it is a place where everyone can find belonging, community, and be led into Christlikeness. We will also take time tonight to celebrate our journey together through *Rooted*.

### Prayer

God, guide our group time today. Thank you that you have given us the gift of the church. Help us to work together to make Living Word the type of church where everyone can encounter you. We love you. Amen.

### Story Sharing

Remember, if it is your turn to share, try to keep it to 5-7 minutes. Ask someone in your group to time you!

### Group Discussion Time

*Note: Every person in the group shares their learning experience. Others in the group can briefly share their experiences about the same thing. Just watch the time. No commenting on or correcting what others are learning.*

- Share **ONE** idea/devotional/question that spoke to you. Refer to the page in *Rooted*.
- Explain **WHY** this grabbed your attention. There is a reason God spoke to you through this idea or word.
- Share **WHAT** you think God wants to do in your life about that word.
- Share **HOW** you are already **RESPONDING**.

What makes you feel like an attendee vs. someone who belongs at church?

How can your group join in God's mission of restoration in your surrounding community and beyond?

Think about your *Rooted* experience. What are some highlights? What are one or two truths you want to take away from this time?

What's the next step you will take toward fulfilling the purpose God has planned for you?

*Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, to present her to himself as a radiant church without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Ephesians 5:25-27*

Love the Church Jesus loves. Love the Church as Jesus does. What are the next steps you want to take to do this?

## **Cardboard Testimonies**

Last week, your group leader asked you to create a “Cardboard Testimony” about your time in *Rooted*. Take the time as a group to share those.

## **Closing Thought**

Take a look at the *Rooted* workbook. It looks like a pretty big book to work through. But realize this: you completed that workbook. Even if you missed a day here and there, you covered a lot of ground.

What did you discover about your ability to learn and grow in this process?

## **Closing Prayer**

God, thank you for our friends in this group. Thank you for these ten weeks that we have spent together, connecting with you, connecting with each other, and learning more about our purpose in the world. Help us to leave this experience having been shaped more and more into the people you want us to be. Help us to continue encouraging one another, praying for one another, and being there for one another. Continue to make us more like you, Jesus. Amen.