

Rooted Group Notes

Week 7 || How Can I Make the Most of My Life? (Part 2)

INTRODUCTION

This week, we will discuss our Spiritual Gifts and Serve Experiences. We will also begin making a plan for what's next after Rooted and pray a Prayer of Purpose over one another.

CONVERSATION STARTERS (10 minutes)

1. Have the person you asked last week share their story of saying Yes to Jesus and how they ended up in this group (2-3 minutes). Who would like to share their story during group next week?
2. Where did you see God show up in your life this week?

SERVE EXPERIENCE DEBRIEF/PREPARATION (10 minutes)

- Have you planned your group Serve Experience yet? If not, finalize the details now. Go to servenow.sv.cc for help and ideas.
- **Planned it but it hasn't happened yet?** Discuss:
 - What are some potential challenges you may face?
 - What steps do you need to take now to prepare your hearts and remove distractions?
 - Pray as a group for your serve experience. Pray that God will help you leave distractions behind and help you to be open to hearing what he speaks to you through your experience.
- **Already did your Serve Experience?** Discuss:
 - What did God show you about yourself?
 - What are you learning?
 - In what ways did you see God show up?
 - What can you do to make serving a regular rhythm of your life?

WHAT'S NEXT CONVERSATION (10 minutes)

We have three weeks left on this Rooted journey together! One of the ways to continue growing on your spiritual journey is to keep meeting as a group. We will continue to provide discussion and experience guides and videos each week that look a lot like what you have been doing with Rooted. You will find those each week at groupnotes.sv.cc. You will also receive support from your campus staff. Discuss in your group:

- Who might be interested in continuing to meet?
- Where are some places you could meet?
- What questions do you have?

WATCH THE VIDEO (10 minutes)**GROUP DISCUSSION and PRAYER OF PURPOSE (30 minutes)**

Just as we prayed for strongholds a few weeks ago, today we are going to pray for God's calling and purpose for us and the gifts He has given us. Each person will pray for the person sitting next to them, so pay close attention (and perhaps take notes) as others share their gifts!

Please go through the following steps for each person in your group:

Take about 3-5 minutes total for each person.

Step One -

What Spiritual Gift(s) do you have and how are you using them?

Step Two -

If you have permission, place a hand on the shoulder of the person who just shared their gifts.

Whoever is sitting to the right of the person who just shared, say the following prayer over them:

God, we thank you and affirm that (Person's Name) is free of his/her area of stronghold. He/She is free in You, Jesus, to fulfill the purpose you have called him/her to. We recognize you have uniquely gifted (Person's Name) in the area of (their spiritual gift). We celebrate the ways he/she is already using his/her gifts, and we ask you to continue to grow this gift in him/her. Light up his/her passion to serve in this area. Show him/her how You would have him/her serve. Show him/her what is possible and the important role he/she plays in Your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

***Repeat Steps One and Two for each person in your group.**

PRAYER (5 minutes)

God, thank you for your creativity in designing us. We are all gifted differently for a purpose, to serve and meet the needs of our church and of the world. Thank you for this time together today. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

- In two weeks, we will share our stories with each other. In preparation, begin thinking about these questions:
 - Why did you sign up for Rooted?
 - What did you believe about God? What was your relationship with Him like?
 - What has happened in Rooted? Has God opened your eyes to anything new?