

Rooted Group Notes

Week 8 || How Does God View Money?

INTRODUCTION

Today we will continue to make plans for what comes next after Rooted. Then we will discuss how God views money and pray for 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. Are you more of a saver or a spender?

ROOTED BOOK / SERMON NOTES REVIEW (10 minutes)

Looking back at your notes from your Rooted book or this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

WHAT'S NEXT CONVERSATION (10 minutes)

We have two weeks left on this Rooted journey together! We hope that you have begun to build some friendships with others in our church and are drawing closer to Jesus through this experience. Being in a group with others helps us grow as followers of Jesus, and we want that for you! We encourage you to continue meeting as a group after Rooted and will help you with everything you need to do that.

FAQs about continuing to meet:

What would we study?

We will continue to provide group discussion guides and videos related to the weekend messages and the spiritual rhythms you have learned through Rooted. These will be posted each week at groupnotes.sv.cc.

How long do we keep meeting?

Our groups semester will continue through May. We encourage you to take a break over the summer, and we will resume in August. The groups calendar runs from January through May and August through November.

Where would we meet?

Most groups meet in homes. Rotating hosting responsibilities amongst the group can be helpful. Other groups meet in coffee shops, apartment clubhouses, and libraries.

What do we do next?

- Identify a point person to represent your group. This person will communicate with your campus's Next Steps Director or Campus Pastor about your group's plans and to get ongoing support.
- Let us know you are continuing to meet by going to rooted.sv.cc and clicking on "I Started my Own Group." *(If you are meeting on campus right now, you may have different instructions for letting us know you will continue to meet.)*
- Your campus staff will reach out to you to help you with everything you need to keep going!

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#) (10 minutes)**GROUP DISCUSSION (30 minutes)**

1. What has been your experience with giving?
2. Read [Matthew 22:34-37](#).
 - What place does God want in our lives?
 - What things in your life tend to compete with God for your heart, soul, and mind?
3. Read [Matthew 6:24](#) from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.
 - Did the last word surprise you? What other words would you have expected to see there?
 - In what ways does serving God in your finances lead to different lifestyles, values and decisions? How is that different from if you are serving money?"
4. What is the first piece of financial advice you remember receiving? Has it helped you?
5. When it comes to providing for your needs, where are all the places you trust God (job, health, bank accounts, etc.)?
 - What are the results?
 - What would it look like for you to courageously trust Him with your finances?

CONFESSION and PRAYER (10 minutes)

Many of us struggle with trusting God in the area of finances. Some struggle with discontentment, fear, using God's wisdom in managing finances, or with addictions related to spending. Take the next few minutes to confess to God and to one another where you are struggling in this area. Then pray:

God, thank you for your grace. Thank you for your wisdom and specific guidance about how to manage our finances. We confess these struggles that were just shared and we ask for your forgiveness. Give us guidance as we align our hearts to Your will and desires for us. Give us wisdom in managing what has been entrusted to us, and I pray that as we trust you and do it your way, we would experience contentment and gratitude. Thank you, God, that we can trust you with all things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

Next week we will share in our groups what God has done in our lives over the past couple of months through Rooted. We will answer the questions:

- Where were you when you began this Rooted Journey?
"10 weeks ago I was..."
- Where does God have you now?
"Today, I am..."