

## **Rooted Group Notes**

### **Week 2 || Who is God**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to Rooted! We believe this 9-week journey will be transformative in your relationship with Jesus. This week is to help you identify and articulate false beliefs you have held and new truths you have learned about the character of God through the discussion of Creation, the Fall, and God's plan for redemption.

#### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

1. Take some time to introduce yourself, share something about yourself and/or your family, how long you have been at Sun Valley, and how you are involved at Sun Valley.
2. What do you hope to get out of Rooted?
3. What misunderstanding of God did you have at some point in your life?

#### **SERMON NOTES REVIEW**

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

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#### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What new thoughts do you have about the character of God?
2. Read [Isaiah 55:8-9](#) aloud. How does this change your perspective of God and how to have a relationship with Him?
3. What have you learned about God from the Creation account in scripture ([Gen 1:1-2:4](#))?
4. [Romans 8:1-2](#) tells us there is no condemnation for those who have said Yes to Jesus. How does this need to change our thinking, actions, and shame in our lives?
5. How do you see God's love and care for you?
6. How do you respond to the idea God wants a relationship with you?
7. What consequences have you experienced in your life because of your sin?
8. Is the way salvation was explained this week how you previously understood it? If not, how is it different?
9. Have you said Yes to Jesus? If yes, how has it changed you?

#### **PRAYER**

Take some time to close your group in prayer. You can use these words or your own:

*God, thank you for the time to meet together as a group. Thank you for who you are and that you want to have a relationship with us. Lead us this week, God, as we study your Word and listen to what you have to say to us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- To prepare for next week's group, spend some time working through the following two pages to build a better understanding of what scripture teaches us about the Holy Spirit.
- Share contact information so you can communicate with each other as a group.
- Ask someone to share their story of saying Yes to Jesus and how they ended up in this group in 2-3 minutes at the beginning of group next week.
- Remember to do your "Daily Response" prompts each day found in your Rooted Book or at the end of each Daily Devotional. If you haven't signed up for the Sun Valley Daily Devos, do so today! [Daily.sv.cc](http://Daily.sv.cc)
- We are doing Rooted with all ages during weekend services at Sun Valley. Be sure and talk with your entire family daily about what you are learning in your Rooted experience.

## NOTES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

**John 14:16-17**

### HE IS GOD

- He was present at Creation (Genesis 1:2, Job 26:13, Psalms 104:30)
- Omniscient: He understands all things (Isaiah 40:13, 1 Corinthians 2:10-12)
- Omnipresent: He is ever present (Psalms 139:7-10)
- Omnipotent: He is all-powerful (Job 33:4, Psalms 104:30, Romans 8:11)
- Distributes and works through spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)
- Works alongside the Father and Son (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- He is one with the Father (Ephesians 4:4-6)
- He is eternal (Hebrews 9:14)

### HE IS A PERSON

- He can be lied to, resisted, grieved, and insulted (Isaiah 63:10, Acts 5:3-4, 7:51; Hebrews 10:29, Ephesians 4:30)
- Intelligence (Romans 8:27, 1 Corinthians 2:13)
- Emotion (Ephesians 4:30, Hebrews 10:29)
- Will (1 Corinthians 12:11, Acts 16:6-11)
- Capacity for relationship (2 Corinthians 13:14)

### HE HAS SPECIFIC ROLES

- He comforts (John 14:16)
- Teaches and instructs (Nehemiah 9:20, Luke 12:12, John 14:25-26, 15:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13, Ephesians 1:17)
- He convicts (John 16:8-11)
- He guides (John 16:13, Acts 11:12, 15:28, 21:4)
- Commissions and empowers believers for ministry (Isa 48:16, Acts 1:8, 4:31, 13:2, 20:28; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, Ephesians 3:16, 1 Timothy 1:6-7)
- Gives us strength to stand against sin (Romans 8:4, Galatians 5:16, 25)
- Inspires prophecy (Numbers 9:30, 11:25, 29; 2 Samuel 23:2-3, Acts 21:4, 28:25; 2 Peter 1:21)
- Distributes spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14; Romans 12)
- Capable of performing miracles (Acts 8:39)
- Intercedes/Aids our prayers (Romans 8:26, Jude 1:20)
- Pours out God's love (Romans 5:5, 15:30)
- Sanctifies the believers

### HOW IS ONE "FILLED" WITH THE SPIRIT

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 5:14-21**

A person receives the Holy Spirit at the moment of Salvation. It's a packaged 3-for-1 deal: Father, Spirit, and Son (Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:22, 4:30). At the same time, Paul instructs us in this passage to be "filled with the Spirit" implying that while one does not receive salvation more than once, it is possible to be empowered by the Spirit many times. What he is actually saying is to be full of what you are already filled with, or to go on being filled as in a present and continued reality. Being filled or walking in the Spirit is something every believer is capable of, but must engage in order to more fully express what has already been given.

Being filled with Spirit is ultimately about the development of a deeper relationship with the Father and Son. The result of this relationship is a lifestyle of worship that points to God and His Kingdom.