

Rooted Group Notes

Week 9 || Why and How Should I Tell Others?

INTRODUCTION

Today we will talk about the power of our stories and will have the opportunity to share our stories of what God has done in our lives over the journey of Rooted.

CONVERSATION STARTER (5 minutes)

What is a great adventure you have taken?

ROOTED BOOK / SERMON NOTES REVIEW (10 minutes)

Looking back at your notes from the past nine weeks of Rooted, is there anything you have been thinking about that you haven't yet shared? Is there anything that has started to become clearer, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Last week in Rooted, we learned about how God views money and Chad invited our church to participate in a 90-day tithe challenge. Did anyone take the challenge? (*Learn more at 90day.sv.cc*)

WHAT'S NEXT CONVERSATION (5 minutes)

Next week will be our last week of Rooted. Congratulations! We are here to partner with you as you continue your journey of following Jesus, and we encourage you to continue meeting together as a group.

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 (45 minutes)

1. Have you ever shared your faith with anyone? What was your experience?
2. What role do prayer and the Holy Spirit play in sharing our stories?

3. Today we will practice sharing a part of our stories with one another. We are going to reflect on our journey of where we were spiritually, relationally, and emotionally, two months ago before Rooted started and where we are today. Think about what you have learned, how God has spoken to you, your relationship with Jesus, and the people you have met along the way.

Sharing our Rooted Stories:

- Have each person take a blank card or piece of paper. Once everyone has a paper, set a timer for 5 minutes. Silently reflect on your journey through Rooted, why you joined, where you were when you started, and where you are today.
- On one side of your card, write and complete the sentence, "Two months ago I was..."
- On the other side of your card, write and complete the sentence, "Today I am..."
- When the timer is up, go around the group and have each person share their story of before and after using what they wrote on their cards.
- The goal of Rooted is that you would be Rooted and Established in the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:17-19). You just shared part of this story with your group, and if God has worked in your life through Rooted, we would love to hear about it, too! Please share your Rooted story with us at sunvalleycc.com/mystory.
- It takes courage to share our stories. Sometimes we don't see the value in our story or who God could reach through us telling it. Encourage one another in the impact your stories could have on others if we are courageous enough to share.
- What do you believe God is asking you to do next as you follow Him?

Baptism Stories

- Have you been baptized? If yes, what was that experience like?
- If you have said Yes to Jesus and have not been baptized, we invite you to get baptized at any service at all locations the weekend of March 2 & 3. You can sign up at baptism.sv.cc. If someone in the group is getting baptized, plan to be there to cheer them on!

PRAYER (5 minutes)

Break into partners to pray. Thank God for what He has done in both of your lives and for what He will continue to do. Ask for His help and guidance in sharing your story with others. Ask Him to give you courage and opportunity to share. Ask for His wisdom in what He would have you do next in following Him, whether it be getting baptized, continuing your group, volunteering regularly at church, courageously sharing your story with someone He has placed on your heart, or something else.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

- Remember to share your Rooted story with us at sunvalleycc.com/mystory.
- If tithing is your next step in following Jesus, sign up for the 90-day tithe challenge at 90day.sv.cc.