

Rooted Group Notes

Week 10 || Why is the Church Important?

INTRODUCTION

This week we will conclude our Rooted series! We will reflect on the last ten weeks and celebrate what God has done in our lives.

CONVERSATION STARTER (5 minutes)

What makes you feel connected to the church, like you belong?

ROOTED BOOK / SERMON NOTES REVIEW (15 minutes)

Last week we shared our stories in group. What was that experience like for you?

Did anyone get baptized last weekend? Celebrate anyone who took that step.

What opportunities in your life do you have to meet the needs of others?

Is there anyone you sense God is asking you to share your story with?

What caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you from this weekend's teaching?

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#) (10 minutes)

GROUP DISCUSSION (45 minutes)

1. What are some things God has revealed to you over this Rooted experience? Share a highlight from the past ten weeks.
2. How have you heard God's voice?
3. Read [Hebrews 10:24-25](#). What does it mean to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds?" How can meeting together help us stay focused on God's purposes for our lives?
4. We will now take some time to encourage one another in what God is doing in each of our lives.
 - Have each person write their name at the top of a card or piece of paper.
 - On your own card, write a few words about what God has shown you over the last ten weeks.
 - Have everyone pass their card to the person sitting next to them. Write what you have seen God do in the life of this person. Keep it simple. It could be just a word, but no more than a sentence. (Examples: "Freedom." "Openness to hear from God." "Gift of Hospitality." "Decision to get baptized." "Passion for meeting the needs of people who are hurting.")
 - Continue to pass the cards until everyone has had a chance to write on each person's card. Do not give the card back to the owner yet.

- For each person:
 - i. Read aloud the affirmations written on their card.
 - ii. Say a prayer of blessing over them. You can use these words or your own words:

God, thank you for (person's name). Thank you for what you are doing in his/her life and what you have revealed to him/her. We celebrate with you these wonderful things about him/her. We ask that you give him/her wisdom to know how to apply these gifts and the courage to do what you are asking him/her to do. Help us to be encouragers to (person's name) as he/she continues to grow and follow you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

PRAYER (5 minutes)

Close your group time in a prayer of gratitude and celebration. Have someone open the prayer, then have each person share a word or phrase that represents the journey of Rooted together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 minutes)

- Rooted is coming to an end but your journey doesn't! Next week we start a 3-week series on The Holy Spirit and you will not want to miss it!
- **If your group is continuing:** Let us know at rooted.sv.cc - Click on the "I Started my Own Group" button
- **If your group is not continuing:** Stay connected with content at groupnotes.sv.cc. Gather with a friend or family member to discuss the questions and participate in experiences like what we have done in Rooted.
- Did you know that our Daily Devos and Bible Reading Plan are connected to the weekend sermons? Follow along to keep up your daily rhythm of reading God's Word and applying what you learn at church on the weekend.
 - Subscribe to Daily Devos at devo.sv.cc
 - Get the Bible Reading Plan in the Sun Valley app.
- Remember to share your Rooted story with us at mystory.sv.cc.
- If tithing is your next step in following Jesus, sign up for the 90-day tithe challenge at 90day.sv.cc.