

## **ROOTED WEEK 3: HOW GOD SPEAKS**

Welcome to **Rooted Week 3: "How Does God Speak to Us?"** I hope by now your participants are connecting and getting to know each other.

### **REVIEW**

Have you planned the Prayer Experience? If not, let that be a key goal for this week. Finalize your Rooted group roster and submit the final list to the Rooted Coordinator.

### **RESOURCES**

- Nametags
- Prayer Experience Guide
- Notes on Fasting

### **ABOUT ROOTED WEEK 3**

Learning to listen to God is foundational to our relationship with God. Most people have the narrow view that prayer is a means to an end. However, prayer is the way to communion with God. This week, we are learning that God speaks in a variety of ways: through people, through creation, and through supernatural means. The Bible is the primary way God speaks to us. Our prayer is that through these 10 weeks, we will fall in love with reading the Bible and memorizing Scripture.

### **Group Dynamics**

- As the participants get more comfortable with one another, expect that there will be more people willing to share. Use an icebreaker to create a safe way for people to know each other. See your facilitator guide for examples.
- The idea that God speaks to us may be new to some. Encourage them to listen to what God may be saying to them as they listen to each other's stories.
- It is likely that not everyone will agree. That is to be expected because everyone is on their own journey. God speaks to each of us in a way unique to who we are and who he is calling us to be. Just remember to not let disagreement degenerate into an argument. Bring in truth and maintain control by redirecting questions to others in the group.
- Listen closely to what people are saying (and not saying). Watch how the Holy Spirit is moving in the group. Take notes for follow up conversations and for the prophetic prayers in week 10.

### **FACILITATING**

- Continue to use nametags if necessary
- Encourage your group to memorize the weekly verses.

- Hopefully, you have already scheduled people days to share their stories. If not, make sure you have this set up. Try to keep it to 2 minutes per person.
- Plan ahead of time how you will end the session in prayer. Be sure to spend time praying rather than sharing prayer requests.
- End on time. It is important that our childcare helpers and facilities people leave on time. The longer you stay the longer they have to stay.
- The next couple of weeks will be heavy as we look at suffering and strongholds. Be in prayer for your group, that those who seem especially closed up will be open.

I believe God has called and equipped you for this season of Rooted. Expect God to work powerfully in your group. I am praying for you.