

ROOTED WEEK 10: WHY IS THE CHURCH IS IMPORTANT?

Welcome to week 10. Can you imagine it was ten weeks ago when you signed up for this journey? How time flies.

REMINDERS

- Remind the participants to complete the Before/After testimony forms.
- Please let me know if your group is becoming a Life Group and who the leaders will be.

RESOURCES

- Holy Communion Guide
- Celebration dinner potluck sign-up

ABOUT WEEK 10

As we approach the end of Rooted, emotions are mixed. There is anticipation for the Rooted Celebration and wondering about the future. This is a time to look back and affirm each person for the work that God has done. In a sense, you will be writing a personal letter to each person in your group, giving a personal affirmation and praying a prophetic blessing. The time will close with communion. Pay special attention to time this week as there are many pieces to cover.

Take time during the week to pray for each person in your group. Look over the leader notes from the last 10 weeks. What did each person hope for? What are some of the beautiful breakthroughs they may have had with God? Ask God to give you insights and wisdom about what He has done in each person's life. He may even give you a specific verse to encourage them with. Write everything down as God gives them.

One by one, ask the group to affirm and pray. After praying, ask the person prayed for to say what they heard.

Here are some things to think through ahead of this week's gathering:

1. **Holy Communion:** Reach out to us in case you need help with this. This ceremony is a powerful reminder of what God has done for us and a great conclusion for the **Prophetic Prayers**.
2. I hope your group had an opportunity to write their Before/After Cards last Sunday. Please bring the filled-out cards on Sunday and note down that who will share their cardboard testimonies at the Celebration Dinner. During the celebration dinner, we will be requesting several of your participants to share their card testimonies.
3. The **ROOTED Celebration Dinner** is this almost here! If you haven't done so yet, please let me know how many people to expect from your group. We are throwing an

open invite to family and friends, but we need to RSVP to that we can plan better, especially for childcare.

4. I believe by now your groups have discussed possible **Next Steps**. If you haven't yet, please do agree on what this is for your group. For those transitioning into Life Groups, please email me the names of the Life Group leaders. We have training on March 24th at 10am in Conference Room 2.

As we come to the end of this session, I believe that God has done a mighty work in you as a leader and in the hearts of your group members. I believe that God will continue to move powerfully in each life as we take the next steps to Follow Jesus and Fearlessly make him known.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Prophetic Prayers** is today 10! This is when we get to pray prophetically over our participants, calling them out to their purpose as the Holy Spirit leads. Please review each person's story and pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as you prepare. Please review your facilitator guide for how to do a prophetic prayer. If you have any questions, please email the Rooted Coordinator.
- **Potluck Celebration Dinner** will be held **Friday, March 27th, from 6-8pm** in the Commons. Each group should bring 3 main dishes, 3 sides, and 3 desserts. Spouses who have not attended Rooted are invited to attend.
- **The Next Steps** conversation should be happening now. If your group is planning on becoming a Life Group, you should identify who the leaders will be (if you don't plan on leading the life group). The **New Life Group Leader Training** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 19th at 10 am**.