



ROOTED

Week 2 Group Guide Who Is God?

Icebreaker

What was a favorite TV show you watched as a kid? Or did you have a favorite cartoon show and character?

Overview of the Main Theme

This week's material is the biggest, most wide-ranging lesson in *Rooted*. It is asking WHO is God? This answer is a BIG answer because GOD is a BIG GOD. God is the Creator God who made us in his image. Then something went terribly wrong and we turned against our Creator and away from our Creator. God loved us so much that he launched a massive search-and-rescue project to find us, save us, forgive us, bring us back home, heal us, and transform us. God is our Creator, our Savior, our Lord, our Friend, and so much more. This is the Good News of the Bible.

The main purpose for this *Rooted* chapter is to be much more CONNECTED to God, so that we would truly know what God is like, and especially how much God loves us. As we know and connect with God, we will begin to love him with all our heart.

Prayer

God, you are an amazing God. Your love is wonderful. We all need to know you much better and experience your love much more. You are with us right now. Help us be aware of your presence, enjoy your presence, and discover what you are doing in our lives. Amen.

Story Sharing

Group Discussion Time

Note: Every person in the group shares their learning experience. Others in the group can briefly share their experiences about the same thing. Just watch the time. No commenting on or correcting what others are learning.

- Share **ONE** idea/devotional/question that spoke to you. Refer to the page in *Rooted*.
- Explain **WHY** this grabbed your attention. There is a reason God spoke to you through this idea or word.
- Share **WHAT** you think God wants to do in your life about that word.
- Share **HOW** you are already **RESPONDING**.

In his sermon, Pastor Brian had four points about Jesus: Jesus as teacher, Jesus as Lord/King, Jesus as Savior/Friend, and Jesus is God.

Jesus As Teacher

Who is teaching you how to live? If you want Jesus to teach you how to live, what are some practical things that you can do? How can you be a good listener to Jesus?

Jesus As Lord/King

Who or what is in charge of your life? Who is calling the shots? What do you think it means for Jesus to be in charge?

Jesus As Savior/Friend

How have you experienced Jesus as a friend? They called Jesus the friend of sinners (Luke 7:34), which is why Jesus is your friend. When you mess

up, what are the implications of having Jesus as your Savior/Friend?

Jesus Is God

How strong are you believing and loving and worshipping God these days? Are you trusting Jesus? Do you ever feel like Doubting Thomas?

Group Discernment

After the group sharing, discover how God has been speaking. Look for a common thread or a core theme that is being revealed through the study and conversation. You have been listening to one another and NOW, together, you listen to what Jesus is saying.

Closing Prayer

Everyone takes a moment to identify one or two QUALITIES of God and/or ACTIONS of God for which they are grateful. Then the group takes turns and simply says, “God thank you for your _____” and/or “Thank you for _____” (the good thing God has done). Amen.

Reminders for Next Week

1. *Rooted* chapter 3 is all about how God speaks to us. Please work through those five devotionals for next week.
2. Who wants to be ready to share their story?
3. Is anyone going to bring a snack (if your group is doing that)?
4. Anything else?