



ROOTED

Week 9 Group Guide Why & How Should I Tell Others?

Icebreaker

If you could pick up a new skill in an instant what would it be? Why would you want this skill?

Overview of the Main Theme

This week, our devotional focused on telling others about Jesus. As the *Rooted* book said on Day 1 this week, “in a world that is decaying and unhealthy, those who are salt are the hope of preservation and healing.” We are called to share the news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection with others. God has given each of us a unique story that we can share with others to tell them about Jesus. “God wants to work through you to preserve what is good, to heal what is broken, and to shine light into a dark world.”

Prayer

God, guide our group time today. Help us as we encourage one another to share. Thank you for the relationships and trust that have been built in this group throughout our weeks together. Thank you for your guidance. We love you. Amen.

Story Sharing

Remember, if it is your turn to share, try to keep it to 5-7 minutes. Ask someone in your group to time you!

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**.

Evangelism can make us feel uncomfortable, especially if we are more introverted. What is the biggest challenge you face in telling your story to someone?

If you are a Christ follower, have you ever shared your faith story with someone else? How did it go?

Can you tell the group a little bit about the people in your life who told you about Jesus?

On Day 5, you were encouraged to share your story with one of the three people you identified on Day 1. How many of you did this? How did it go if you did? If you did not, why not?

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. What is the next step that God would like you to take this week?

Closing Prayer

God, we know that you call us to share our stories and the truth about you with others. God, this can often make us fearful or uncomfortable. We ask that you give us a sense of fearlessness, the ability to be bold, and that your Holy Spirit would give us the right words as we speak with others. We love you. Amen.

Reminders for Next Week

1. *Rooted* chapter 10 is all about the importance of the church. Please work through those five devotionals for next week. Also, please be ready to share about your experience during these 9 weeks of *Rooted*.
2. Is there anyone in your group that has not gotten to share their story?
3. Is anyone going to bring a snack (if your group is doing that)?
4. Anything else?