

Rooted Leader Update

Week 1

Thank you for joining us for this Rooted experience. We are excited about what God is doing through this journey. We trust this will be life-changing for you and your group as well.

(all of this is detailed out for you in your Facilitators Guide)

Review –

- Thanks for your willingness to lead a Rooted group

Resources

- Rooted facilitators Guide
- Names tags and pens
- Snack list
- Rooted Covenant
- notebook

Reminders

- Please use **name tags** as you begin. This will help everyone feel more comfortable and help you remember names as well.
- Sessions typically begin with an **icebreaker** question. It is a good way to get folks talking – especially those who are a bit shy and less likely to open up.
- Take time to **introduce each other**. If many know each other already, have them answer a unique question – “something you may not know about me is...”
- Remember the role of the leader is to **Facilitate, not teach**. It is your job to help folks to engage and share.
- There is a Rooted **Covenant** in the first few pages. Have everyone sign these and keep in their books. This is always a good reminder that what we share here is not to be shared elsewhere.
- Each week someone will be sharing their **2 min faith story**. It will be important to model this well – its 2 minutes and it focuses on your coming to Christ. For anyone who is not a Christian, they can still share their faith journey – where are they on that journey.
- **Take notes** as your group shares. You will need details regarding each person’s journey at the end of the 10 weeks when you write them a note and pray over them.
- Having a **Snack sheet** is a good idea. Bringing something to share each week can help facilitate fellowship.

- It will be important to identify a **co-leader** early on. You can use the support and a person of the opposite sex can be helpful, especially when dividing up for prayer or sharing if you are in a blended group.
- Find out each group member's best way to communicate? Email, text etc **Touch base** each week with them. Encourage them in their daily work and remind them of any upcoming Rooted elements – prayer experience date, serve experience times, etc.
- Be sure to allow time for **Prayer** requests and prayer time. You may want to do this in small groups or paired up. Be sure to spend your time praying rather than sharing requests the whole time.
- It is good to weekly send out a **HW** reminder. It is easier to stay up than to catch up. Sending out a note each week sharing a thought or two about how it is going for you can help encourage your group to spend the daily time. There is a sample email in your week one resources.
- Be sure to start early discussing your **Prayer experience** and your **Serve experience dates**. The Prayer time is in 3 weeks so getting something on your calendars needs to happen right away. Finding a time for a 3 hour window can be challenging. If childcare becomes an issue, you could consider during the church window, 9 till noon at someone's home. If you consider this option, be sure to let us know so our staff can work with you and your children.
- **Missing 3 Days** is too many to really get the value of this experience. Impress upon your folks the importance of doing the homework and being present each week... 10 weeks will go by very fast.
- **Matthew introduces Rooted** in our opening session together. If you were unable to make the first meeting or if you are in a group meeting off campus, you may find this message in week 1 "Leader Resources."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kent Kraning at kentk@friends.church or call the church office.