

- ❑ As soon as you get your list of people... email and/or text to say hi
- ❑ Be prepared to bring snack/H2O first week... also give yourself at least 15-20 minutes before people arrive if possible to set up room and pray
- ❑ Be prepared to share your story (also co-leader) the first week... the more vulnerable and honest one is will set the tone for how comfortable people will feel... early vulnerability really allows for deep communication and community to occur. Write it out if possible so as to stay on track and to keep it short
- ❑ Pass around list of snack/story during first meeting to get people signed up
  - ❑ Ideally all people will share their story, please encourage EVERYONE to share, however if someone is adamant that they aren't comfortable, we aren't here to force them. Everyone should share by week 9... there is NO time in week 10... double up if necessary, if there is more than one person per week split snack duty (snack/H2O)
- ❑ Have a notebook ALREADY prepared before first meeting... explain it during first meeting... let them know you will be taking notes, it's not a creepy thing, it just will help you to remember some details.
  - ❑ For your info - write as much down as possible! Toward the end you will be writing a blessing to each person, and it is super helpful to have it. There were two suggestions... one is a notebook with each week set apart, and you can just take notes as they happen. The other is to have sections for each person, and as they are telling their story take notes. You can always just make random notes on your agenda if it's hard to find a page, take some time later to add it to that person's page
- ❑ Send a text/email mid week every week, encouraging and reminding them what to work on and who is bringing snack/sharing their story, there are sample emails for each week online
- ❑ Attend all leader meetings if possible...if unable to attend please let us know
- ❑ Start early to plan your prayer experience for week 3. One option is to meet outside of week 3 (meet another day, either before or after that session, either one works) however if that won't work with your group's schedule, make sure to manage your week 3 time well so as to allow for as much prayer time as possible... KidVenture has programming on Sundays, and KidsCare is often available during the week when Rooted is in session, please contact us if your group is in need of child care (there are notes on the prayer experience in week 3 folder)
- ❑ Count on an hour minimum each week of prep & prayer
- ❑ Serve experience - Global Freedom will come to our leader meeting with some really great ideas planned out for your group, however your group is also free to do something on your own outside of what Friends offers if there is already an

interest or passion there (reminder that this is an extra event - outside of the regular group meeting, start discussing what day/time works best for your group before seeing what Global Freedom has to offer)

- ❑ If your group is co-ed and you don't have an opposite leader/co-leader... plan in advance to have someone come in for week 5 Strongholds, contact Kent in advance to get a staff person or a sub Rooted leader... or be thinking of one of your participants who can handle leading it (there are specific notes in week 5 folder on what worked best for Stronghold meeting)
- ❑ By week 5 start talking about what happens after... do they want to stay, do you feel anyone can lead well... where & when would they meet, etc
- ❑ For week 6 - bring info on Spiritual Gifts testing, talk about it, and then ask that it be done as homework and discuss for week 7... (there is info on Spiritual gifts in week 6 folder)
- ❑ If someone stands out to you as a possible leader, have them start to pray or assume some other responsibility in the meetings, also talk to them about possibly leading the current group if they decide to stay a group after Rooted, or discuss if they are interested in leading and/or co-leading a new Rooted group next session
- ❑ Week 7 has a prayer of prophetic blessing... if your group is not comfortable praying for each other, then be prepared to pray over each of them. If your group is a bit more mature in this area, discuss spiritual gifts and as each person takes a turn sharing their gifts, have the person next to them pray for them (write down everyone's gifts for your end of session card, it's helpful) Also there is a time for this in week 10, so if week 7 feels too rushed or it doesn't fit well, feel free to push it back to week 10 as an option
- ❑ Week 8 pass out affirmation list, remind them to come on week 10 with their word or words ALREADY chosen for each group member... this will save serious time and confusion. Also week 8, pass out the cardboard testimony cards to take home and bring back. This will give them time to prepare, make sure to grab extras for week 9 in case anyone forgets theirs...
- ❑ Week 9 you will discuss the cardboard testimonies... there is a template for leaders in the week 9 folder where you can track your group's testimonies. Please turn this into Rooted leadership and let us know if anyone from your group has one that stands out, we will have an opportunity to share some of these during the celebration
- ❑ Week 10 - be prepared to share affirmation words... have the affirmation cards already written with their names on it, and you can have already written yours down for each Rooted member. We found this worked best by passing the cards around, having each person say & write their word, go all the way around

for the one person, and then pray over that person. You can pray, if you have a co-leader they can share praying over everyone, or if your group is comfortable praying, the person to their left or right can. Then repeat for each group member... this allows the focus to be on the group member and the prayer is able to be personal and specific... since you just talked about them. If you wait until the end and pray over everyone individually it's harder to remember what words described them...

- ❑ Communion is suggested in week 10, we will be doing this at our Celebration so this is optional for your group, if you would like to do it you will need to provide it
- ❑ When writing the blessing cards for the Celebration, plan on at least ½ an hour per person per card... not only to write something personal but to pray over them. Cards are passed out at the Celebration, however it was good to have them ready before week 10 meeting for those who were unable to attend the celebration. The “creeper” notebook comes in really handy if your memory is not awesome when it's time to write the cards.
- ❑ Please encourage your group to attend the Celebration... this is NOT something to be missed!!! Please let your group know they will have an opportunity to be baptized if they have never done that. If anyone in your group does choose to be baptized, we encourage you the leader to do this... you are the one that has walked the last 10 weeks with them, and it is a blessing we would like to share with you. We are happy to walk you through the details if you have never had the pleasure of baptizing someone