



**"Why should you join a *Rooted* Growth Group?"**  
***Just ask Danielle T.***

*Rooted* changed me by deepening my prayer life because my prayers were intentional, thoughtful, and rooted in Scripture. I also developed a Christian community that has forever impacted me. During *Rooted*, the Holy Spirit prompted me to evangelize and work in service. I contacted a neighbor who doesn't know Christ and planned our *Rooted* Group's serving project. Finally, I became more sensitive to my sin, practicing confession and asking for forgiveness more regularly.

I think that our whole church should participate in *Rooted*! While it requires time, intentionality, and focus, I can think of no better way to intentionally spend your time - it is an endeavor with an eternal impact! In this study, you will develop a solid foundation of your faith and the rhythms and practices associated with pursuing Christ together in the community. The name is quite fitting - you will be "rooted" in your faith and in Christ. The relationships I developed were deep, meaningful, and lasting; I believe that you will find the same should you choose to participate. Why not give it a try? There's not much to lose and a whole lot to gain. "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matt. 6:33)



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Just Ask Dave Olson, JCC Elder***

Early on in the study, we are asked about our idea of God and they list examples:

- that He doesn't exist
- He's the creator, but has now stepped back and watches what happens (distant, far away God)
- He's the ultimate "911" emergency service
- He's a cosmic police office, jumping into action when we break the rules

I've been asking God to help me be more intentional with "sharing" Christ with others and was very intrigued with this question, thinking it would be a great conversation starter with anyone.

I took the opportunity to ask several friends, family, co-workers this question and had some great conversation around this topic. Interestingly enough, the most common response was that they hadn't really thought too much about the idea of who God is to them, but committed to giving more thought to this topic. Thinking more about the idea of who God is.....what a great way for a person to start the process of developing a deeper relationship with God!

The Rooted Study did a great job each week of challenging us to dig deeper into our thoughts of how we communicate with God, how we serve God & His Church and throughout this study deepened our understanding of and relationship with Him.

I would strongly encourage everyone to experience the Rooted Study. The goal of the Rooted Study, as listed in the Introduction, is to deepen our connection with God, His Church, and our purpose in the epic story He is writing through human history (great goal!).