



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

September 6/9, 2018

It's Time To Grow

**BIG IDEA: Rooted in Jesus, Flourish in Life**

## GROUPS VISION

We believe life transformation happens when we engage with other people, with Jesus as our focus, and take next steps together. A next step is any behavior or belief that moves us forward on our journey with Jesus.

**My Story.** An encounter with Jesus leaves a story to tell. Share yours at [valleycreek.org/MyStory](http://valleycreek.org/MyStory).  
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## MAIN POINTS & SCRIPTURES

We are taking this year to go back to the basics and become rooted in Jesus, so we can flourish in life. **(Colossians 2:6-7, Ephesians 3:17-20)**

A tree's roots draw the nourishment it needs from being rooted in the soil. Our roots draw the truth of God into our lives. The soils represent the ways of God and the roots represent the paths with which we draw God's ways into our lives. **(Psalm 25:4, 1 Corinthians 1:18, Matthew 4:19)**

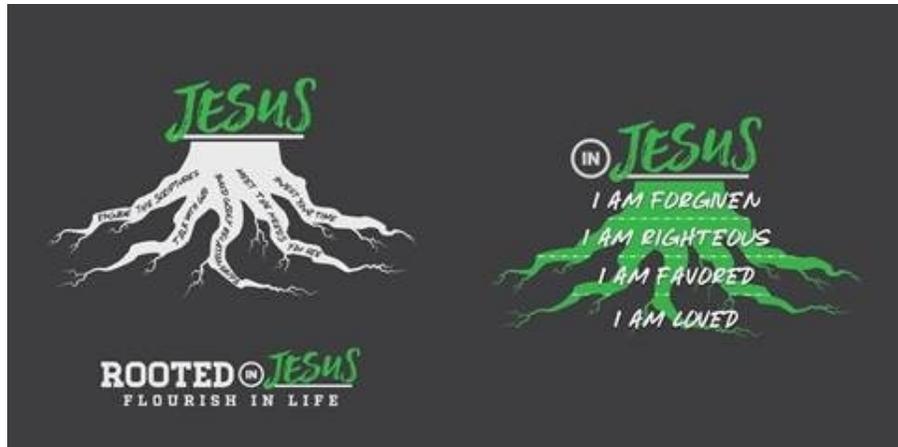
We know we're becoming rooted in Jesus when we experience:

- Growing in the fruit of the Spirit. **(Galatians 5:22-23)**
- Growing in our love for God. **(Mark 12:30, 1 John 4:19)**
- Growing in our love for people. **(John 13:34-35, Matthew 28:19-20)**
- Growing in our generosity. **(Matthew 10:8)**
- Growing in our obedience. **(Titus 2:12, John 14:15)**

## KEY VERSE

**So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.**

**Colossians 2:6-7**



## POTENTIAL NEXT STEP

Continue becoming rooted in Jesus by attending the Freedom Gathering on October 5 & 6.

Freedom Gathering is an environment for you to meet with Jesus, allowing Him to heal the hurts of your past, and take a next step in becoming rooted in Jesus.

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We can't rush what God is doing in us, but we are going to need what God is doing in us for the days ahead. **(John 12:24-26)** Flourishing in life is not getting what we want, so our lives can be better, rather, living like Jesus so the lives of others will be better. **(John 15:5)**

## DISCUSSION

- Think back over the past few months. Celebrate, by sharing, some of the growth you're experiencing. Encourage others in your group by sharing the growth you see in them. (See #a-e)
- In the kingdom of God, faithfulness matters and commitment counts. How are you going to continue to get rooted in Jesus throughout the last four months of this year?
- What are some ways you can invest your time, as a group, to help your community flourish?
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? What is your next step in becoming rooted in Jesus?**