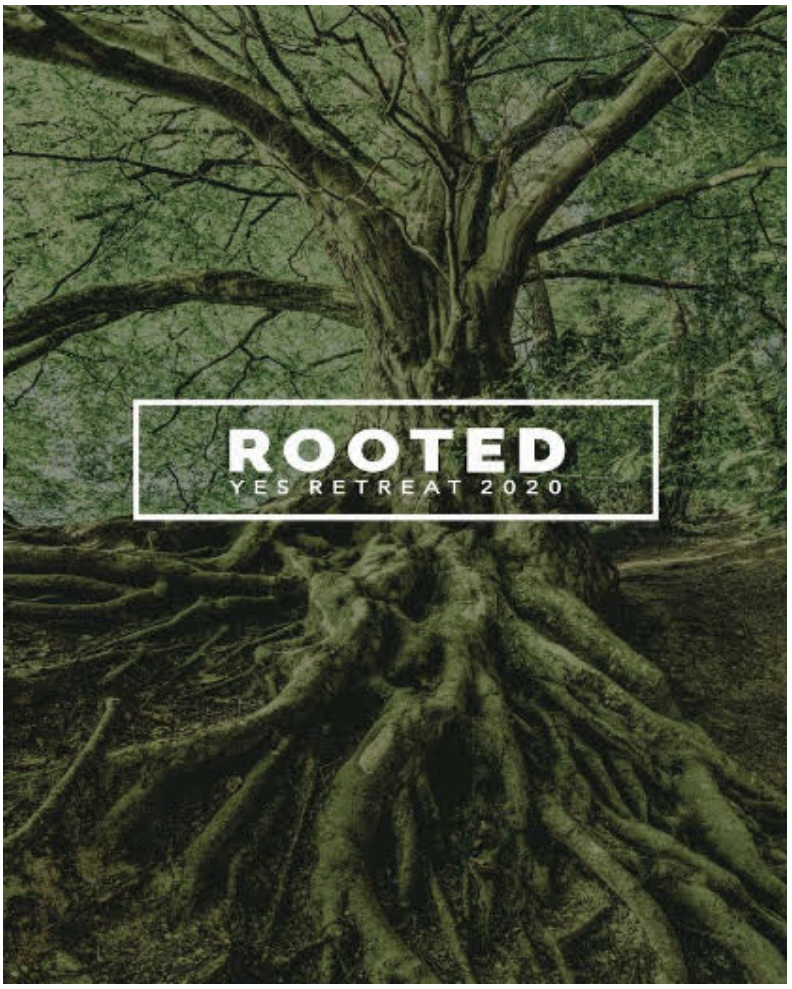


Rooted Series

Input / Session Outlines
For Local Youth Group Leaders

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GUIDE | How to Use this Resource…

We are delighted to share with you the Session Overviews for the Rooted Series 2020.

Structure

- **Title** - Each week is clearly titled with the name of the Session.
- **Schedule** - Below the title is a rough schedule which you are welcome to follow. You can also feel free to adapt & change this to suit your youth group and their needs.
- **Timings** - We have timed the sessions to last 45 minutes. You can shorten or stretch out activities to make them suit the time you have appointed.

Content

Each session will contain components of the following. It is entirely up to the Youth Leader how they want to utilise and facilitate these times with their youth.

1. Games
2. Video Input
3. Activity/Sharing Group
4. Prayer

Youth Testimonies

There are youth testimonies available to you that can be used at any point throughout this series. The two that would be particularly helpful when beginning this series are two excellent sharings from youth in Belgium. If you would be interested in watching these with your youth, or if you have youth who would be willing to share their testimonies with other young people - please do get in touch. In line with safeguarding guidelines, we shall share these testimonies with you as Youth Leaders directly and securely, on request.

Video Inputs

Below are links to each of the Rooted Series talks for your reference & for easy access. If you have difficulty accessing any of these video clips - please let us know!

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TALK 1 | ROOTED IN TRUTH (How to Pray)

ROOTED in God, through RELATIONSHIP with him, for the REDEMPTION of the world.
Colossians 2:6-7 "Continue to live your lives in [Christ], rooted and built up in him"

Activity	Duration
1. Game (One Word Stories/Who's This)	10 minutes
2. Video Input: Rooted in Truth (How to Pray)	10 minutes
3. Activity: Witness/Testimony/Sharing	10 minutes
4. Small Groups Discussion	15 minutes
5. Prayer	5 minutes

1. Game

One-Word Stories
Go around the call/group and make sure everyone's mic is on. As the host, you will not be playing but recording. Create an order in which you will tell your story. One by one call on those students, but they can only say one word. As they are telling the story, record it in the chat and send it as soon as they are done so they can see the story they told together! You can do one really long one, or several small stories.

Who's This?
Have all of your students send you a fact about them that no one else knows that they would be comfortable sharing. When you are on your zoom, you can read the facts to everyone at a time. Everyone in the group will guess who that person is! They can guess in the chat. The person that gets the most right is the winner.

2. Video Input - Rooted in Truth

Welcome to the first talk in our Rooted series!
Here is the link to the video clip:Rooted Series: Talk 1 - Rooted in Truth (How to Pray)

Video Script

Welcome. It's 6.30am, I'm in my house. Every morning I have a comfy chair, a warm cup of coffee and a biscuit. To pray well you often need to be awake and sometimes a little treat helps. We will be talking about four steps of prayer. Now we will begin with Step 1:

1. Find a place, early on in your day, some point before you leave the house, and have a couple of minutes with the Lord to root yourself and ground yourself.

I take some time to offer my day to him, talk to him, take some time to place myself in his presence and say, 'God you are the most important thing to me, and I want to reflect that.' I take some time to Confess my sins from the day before. I think through the last 24 hours and give over to the Lord the next 24 hours. I often read a little from the bible and get ready for the day. So remember,

1. Start early if you can, find a comfortable spot, use a couple of things to help you wake up and look forward to the time. Then enjoy it, spend some time with your Father, he wants to meet with you.

Next is our Prayer Room. This is a place that our household takes some time to come before the Lord in worship. This is step 2:

2. If you can, try to spend some time Praising and Worshiping God aloud.

Another thing I do - When I'm walking around, just going to school, going on a jog, heading off to play sports… basically If I'm outside and on a walk and have a bit of time to myself. I just pray. It's a different kind of prayer. It's more like offering the day and inviting God into your day and talking to him about how it's going. It's as simple as a conversation, like you're talking to someone who's walking alongside you. It can be really helpful to bring the events of the day before the Lord. For example, 'Thank you Lord for that coffee' or 'Lord I offer to you that interaction that really didn't go well.' Simply talk through the day with God. It's as simple as recalling the events of the day. This is Step 3:

3. As you walk through the day, just talk to God and invite him into these moments.

This basically means, when you do anything systematic or regular during the day, say a little prayer. We already do this at meal times, at dinner. It's a very simple little thing. Take a little time at the beginning of each thing that you're doing, just offer it God.

The final step is our final time of daily prayer. Step 4:

4. Light a candle, and pray some Night prayers.

This is a chance to bring the end of the day before the Lord. To be quiet before the Lord and offer the events of the day to him. I say to the Lord, 'Thank you for making me, for being with me, for calling me to be your son, for everything that you've given to me. ' It's also a time to just review the events of the day. Thank God for the things that went well, ask pardon for the things that didn't go well. It's a great way to wind down and prepare to go to sleep. That's step four.

So to review. Remember:

1. Begin the day with the Lord, offer it to him, Thank him for the day that was past, spend some time alone personally with him.
2. Take some time to pray out loud in Praise and Worship. With music and song.

3. During the day, as you walk around as you do any regular and repeated activity, invite God into it.
4. Close the day with prayer, finish with God. Thank him for the day and get ready for tomorrow.

3. Activity - Time of Sharing

Over the past few weeks, we have started out on a journey towards becoming more firmly Rooted in Christ. During the YES Retreat, Peter, Dom & John spoke about giving our lives and hearts more fully to God. They guided us towards the truth of giving our whole hearts: Soul, Mind & Will, to God.

In advance of this time, prepare the youth for a time of sharing/discussion/question & answer. Give them a five minute break and encourage them to get themselves a cup of tea, drink, snack. Then choose to do ***one*** of the following:

- Ask **3** youth from your group to share about their experience of the YES Retreat. Ask them to talk about what stood out to them, what God was saying, etc.
- Have **3** youth leaders share about their own personal approaches to prayer and things that they've found works well for them.
- Have a 'Question & Answer' session where youth can write in questions about prayer in the chat directly to the youth leaders. Youth leaders can then anonymously answer some of the queries that have come up.

Then, as a youth group - decide how you are going to do the 'Rooted Series' in a way that works well for you. Will you have

- Prayer Partners?
- Optional Prayer Events Planned throughout the week?
- A specific time to meet for the Rooted Sessions each week?

Decide/communicate a structure which will work best for you as a group. Decide upon a way to communicate as a group throughout this series as well. This leads on to the next section of small groups.

4. Small Group Discussion

This section can be done in discussion groups following on from previous activity, or in break out rooms allocated for each specific small group.

From Tadhg, we learned about four key steps to building a daily prayer life: :

1. Begin the day with the Lord, offer it to him, Thank him for the day that was past, spend some time alone personally with him.
2. Take some time to pray out loud in Praise and Worship. With music and song.
3. During the day, as you walk around as you do any regular and repeated activity, invite God into it.
4. Close the day with prayer, finish with God. Thank him for the day and get ready for tomorrow.

In your small groups. Discuss the following:

1. Which of these prayer times stood out to you. Why?
2. If you were to choose a point to pray in the morning before you leave the house, where and when could that be?
3. Which of these steps (if any) do you find challenging? Why?

5. Prayer

End this week with a short prayer time as a group. A potential idea could be to guide this time using the ACTS Acronym in the Rooted Series: Extended Daily Prayer Guide.

A. Adoration: Acknowledge God for who he is. singing a song of Praise & Worship.

C. Confession: Have a brief moment of reflection, looking over the past day and asking God's . forgiveness and mercy in moments of sin or difficulty.

T. Thanksgiving: Specifically Thank God for the good moments of today.

S. Supplication: Bring before God any prayers of intercession that you may have as a youth . . group.

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TALK 2 | ROOTED IN PRAYER

ROOTED in God, through RELATIONSHIP with him, for the REDEMPTION of the world.
Colossians 2:6-7 "Continue to live your lives in [Christ], rooted and built up in him"

Activity	Duration
1. Game - Pictionary	10 minutes
2. Video Input: Power of Prayer	5 minutes
3. Activity: Explore 'Daily Activity' suggestions	10 minutes
4. Small Groups Discussion	15 minutes
5. Prayer	5 minutes

1. Game - Pictionary

How to Play
Split into teams (either breakout rooms via Zoom or in a safe manner in person)
The objective is to get to the end of the list as quickly as possible.

The list comprises different objects/things or people. They can only be drawn or sketched. No letters of numbers can be used.
In person use markers and paper. In zoom use a whiteboard or pen and marker and hold up drawing to the camera.

After the first item is guessed correctly, another member of the team receives the next object (without the rest of the group knowing) You can use private chat on zoom/text msg)

The list is – (feel free to adapt)
1. A mobile phone
2. A love letter
3. A Radio
4. An email
5. A Microphone
6. A Paint set
7. A present
8. A camera
9. A Happy Face
10. A cup of Coffee

2. Video Input - Rooted in Prayer

Welcome to the second talk in our Rooted series!
Here is the link to the video clip: Rooted Series: Talk 2 - Rooted in Prayer

Video Script:
Hello YES Retreat 2020!

So, prayer. I don't know about you but I used to think prayer was really boring: that it was all about sitting in silence, repeating words that weren't your own, or just copying what someone else said in the hope that it might be heard. Prayer is not empty when we are confident that the one we are speaking to is listening.

So let's start at the start. Prayer, in its simplest form, is communication and communication is the swapping of information. Someone offers information and there is someone there to receive it. Often certain forms of communication result in the receiver, then offering information back to the one who first offered it, so on and so forth. You are all very familiar with that. Currently right now we are in form of communication. You are receiving what is being said. Yet not only that, there are many other forms that communication takes.

I'm going to ask you to pause the video here for 30 seconds and in the time, either in a 'distant group' or by yourself, list as many forms of communication that you can think of…..and….hit pause and GO!

I'm sure you have come up with a lot, so i'm thinking, we talk, write, pictures, music, texting, emojis, body language, gifts, emails, letters etc. The list goes on, communication can happen in a multitude of ways. And much like prayer, we can communicate with God in a multitude of ways.

Prayer, in its simplest form, is communication with God. And many different world religions and beliefs would say that they can communicate with their Gods, in the Old Testament we read about sacrifices and offerings as a way to communicate to God, sorrow and repentance for example, in the hope that God would see, they would cry out loud in the hope that God would hear. Jesus teaches us the truth of the Spirit of God, that not only can we speak to/communicate with God, But God speaks to and communicates with us! That's what's so amazing about Grace. That's what's so amazing about our God. He - the creator of the world, the creator of creation - loves His creation so much that He wants, desires, and actively pursues communication with each one of us individually! How incredible is that.

There are some of you today that are well versed in this area, blessed to have grown up soaked in prayer and aware of God's communication with you. For some of you, this might be new information or something that you may not be so practised in. Wherever you are on the journey it is always good to have refreshing reminders of these truths of God. I was once taught, 'We do not always need new teachings, but new reminders.'

So what is there to be reminded of? That the basis of prayer is relationship.

Prayer is all about nurturing your relationship with God. Think for a second about the relationships that you have. With parents, siblings, youth workers, friends, teachers etc. Let me ask you this question… How do you know you are in a relationship with them?

If I think about one of the most important relationships in my life. It's with husband Kevin. We are very newly married, only 4months! We wore masks on our wedding day. And we communicated to each other and those with us that we promise to love each other for the rest of our lives. But how did we get to that point? How do I know I am in a relationship with him? Well, there's a few pieces of evidence – There is the marriage certificate. Our names are signed and witnessed by others. That may not be so romantic, but it's evidence to prove we are in a relationship. If we apply the same logic to being in a relationship with God, I suppose you could turn to the Bible and know the truths and promises that lie within it. Romans 10:17 'Faith comes from hearing, that is hearing the Good news of Christ.' With faith being the basis of our reasoning to pray. We have faith that God is listening, for some that's based on personal experience, for some it's based on what others have said, for some it's based on what we have read in the Bible.

Now, not everyday do we always 'feel' like praying, or feel our relationship with God, right? But our feelings change so easily. I don't feel like I did on my wedding day everyday. But that doesn't change the fact that I am in a relationship with Kevin and that requires my attention, my care, my words and communication. What do you think would happen if I just stopped communicating to Kevin and only ever spoke to him when I wanted something? Our prayer life must not become like a vending machine. "Yes God, I will have good grades on my exams, a fun time with my friends today, new trainers for my birthday and some healing for my sore head."

You wouldn't call that relationship would you?

So what am I conveying here to you today? That prayer is essential to our relationship with God. I could have taken many angles with what I have spoken about. I could have spent more time on how powerful prayer can be in making the seemingly impossible happen. I could share countless stories of miracles witnessed because of prayer. I could have spent time on the practicals, on how to pray well. There is so much richness in this area, there is always so much to learn and that is what makes me so excited about it! That's what encourages me.

I won't lie and tell you I have a regimented prayer life that starts at 4am every morning. I know people that do for sure, I am so inspired by them, but there are days I don't put the time aside that I should and that I know in my heart of hearts, that I want to. I often let how I 'feel' or I'm running late or whatever the excuse may be to distract me from taking some deliberate 1-1 time with God. But because of the relationship I have with him, built through years of spending time with Him, hearing about Him from others, reading about Him. I know

He is loving and merciful and encourages us to go again! In praying for you all, God reminded me of His desire for relationship with each and everyone of us. Be rooted in a relationship with Him by being rooted in prayer. Communicate. Many people offered their marriage advice at different points, overwhelmingly what we were encouraged with was. "Communication, communication, communication." It's true. Relationship is based on communication. Prayer. – Want some Relationship advice? Pray, Pray, Pray.

I have a little challenge for you. When I first started my journey with God it was because someone encouraged/challenged me to pray everyday for 10 days in a row. And I did, and it changed everything! So, I challenge you to a 7 day streak. As I've mentioned, there are so many forms of communication, there are many forms of prayer. There is an activity to try out different forms of prayer each day. From charismatic and contemporary prayer to silence and journal writing. Some of these styles may be new to you and you may have your own little groove, but I challenge you to give these a go. For, like any relationship, there needs refreshment and that can look like communicating in a new or different way.

Allow me the opportunity to communicate my heart's desire for you YES Retreat 2020 to God our Father.

Dear Lord,…….

3. Activity

Below is a list of Daily Prayer Activities which will be on the Rooted Daily Prayer Guide for this week. Do an activity where you split these between your groups and have the youth discuss. Then have youth feedback to the whole group about what activities they 'looked at' and any ideas they have for how these can be carried out well.

Daily Activity: Styles of Prayer

Day 1 - Reflective Bible Study (Youversion Bible App, start a Reading plan with your small group, meditate on The Word and discuss)

Day 2 - Contemporary Praise music (Spotify some contemporary praise music 'Bethel' 'Hillsong' etc and immerse yourself in the Praise and Worship of God)

Day 3 – Writing (Take pen to paper and write out your thoughts, just let the pen do all the work, one the first word in on paper, the rest will follow. E.g Dear God I don't really know what to write….)

Day 4 - Prayer Walk in Nature (Go for a walk and pray as you do, just like the road to Emmaus, you won't be on your own)

Day 5 - Meditative Chanting (Spotify some 'Taize Chat' it's deliberately repetitive to allow you to meditate on The presence of God)

Day 6 - Prophetic Art (You do not need to know how to draw, but bring to mind someone you wish to pray for and ask the Lord to speak to you about them, an image/sense/word He would have for them, you'll be surprised what you end up with. Then share it with that person…practise prophecy)

Day 7 - Act of intentional service (Commit to some intentional service, Pray before doing so to ensure the right posture of heart and attitude, maybe it's as simple as washing the dishes…)

4. Small Group Discussion

1. What strategies did you try out from Tadhg's input last week? Did any of these work particularly well for you?
   e.g. Comfy chair, coffee & biscuit in the morning, prayer walk during the day, inviting God into small moments, times of praise & song, night prayer, etc.
2. What stood out to you from Laura's input today?
3. Which Daily Activity from our discussion today did you find most interesting?

5. Prayer

End this week with a short prayer time as a group.

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TALK 3 | ROOTED IN COMMUNITY & RELATIONSHIPS

ROOTED in God, through RELATIONSHIP with him, for the REDEMPTION of the world.
Colossians 2:6-7 "Continue to live your lives in [Christ], rooted and built up in him"

Activity	Duration
1. Video Input: Rooted in Community & Relationships	5 minutes
2. Activity: Brainstorm Session: How can we Build Community in our Youth Group	15 mins
3. Prayer (ACTS)	5 mins
4. Games	20 mins

1. Video Input - Rooted in Community & Relationships

Welcome to the third talk in our Rooted series!

Here is the link to the video: Rooted Series: Talk 3 - Rooted in Community & Relationships

Video Script
As a quick recap...

- In the first talk, we heard from Tadhg about being rooted in Truth; how we can hear and respond to God's voice
- We then heard from Laura about being rooted in prayer, and received some practical tips on how to pray
- In this third talk, we're going to look into how we can be rooted in community and our relationships

At the YES Retreat, we had youth groups from a number of different countries across Europe, all belonging to communities within the Sword of the Spirit. Here's a question for you, do you know what the Sword of the Spirit's slogan is? **Answer: a community of disciples on mission**

The Sword of the Spirit's slogan is *'a community of disciples on mission'*; this means we make an effort to invest in relationships with people from our community as we believe God will use those relationships to call and equip us for the building of His Kingdom where we live.

What might that look like in practice? When we were part of youth in community, we used to walk to and from school together in an effort to invest in our relationships with one another.

We believed this to be a witness to others around us as it wasn't something done by many people.

We believe community is God's call for us as Christians; this means building relationships with one another, praying for each other, and supporting one another in our faith.

As sisters, this can mean not comparing ourselves to one another, recognising that we're all made in God's image and that He loves us equally. In Romans 12, it says, 'Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another.' So remember to have each other's backs, rejoice and be proud of your friends when they're doing well, and show empathy and look after them when they're not. Be one united front, include one another and love another equally.

As brothers, this means being open with one another; sharing your struggles and allowing others to help and support you. In James 5, it says, 'Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.' That means making ourselves vulnerable with other brothers isn't enough in itself, we also need to ask each other for prayer and continue to pray for each other in faith that the Lord will act.

When we're together, this means being patient with one another, forgiving one another and being inclusive of everyone (within government guidelines). In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul describes Christian community as being one body; 'Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.'

Paul also goes on to say, 'There should be no division in the body … if one part suffers, every part suffers with it.' This means we should be looking after our brothers and sisters as much as we look after ourselves.

So how can we do this? We'd love you to use the rest of this session to sit down and discuss how you can be building community in your own youth groups this coming year. Here's a few ideas we came up with…

- Performing random acts of kindness with your small group.
- Meeting up in your local park for a wide game.
- Having a girls' pizza-making night or a guys' football match.

2. Activity - Brainstorm Session

Brainstorm some ideas in groups for how you can intentionally build community in your youth group. They can be in small groups, just sisters, just brothers or as a whole youth group!

Idea	**Who?**	**Where?**
E.g. Random acts of kindness	In small groups	In the centre of town

Next - Feedback your ideas as a full group. Get the leaders to write them down on a flipchart/whiteboard and vote on the top 10 activities on the list.

Finally - choose the most popular activity and put a date in the diary for it to happen! Make sure the youth leaders have the rest of the list so they can slot them into your youth calendar.

Remember - the youth leaders don't have to organise everything! If there is an activity on your list you are desperate to do, take initiative and plan it yourself with the rest of the youth!

3. Prayer

Have a short time of prayer where you bring your ideas and discussions before the Lord. If possible - use the ACTS guide which is available in the Rooted Series Daily Prayer Guide:

Adoration: Spend a minute or two thinking about and praising God for an aspect of his Character, his Goodness, Mercy, Loving-kindness, Justice, etc. Pick one that is important to remember when working, growing and building his Kingdom alongside one another.

Confession: Spend a moment asking for grace, forgiveness and healing in your relationships with one another. Ask God to build you closer together in unity and fellowship.

Thanksgiving: Thank God for all the blessings he has given you all from big things like important relationships (family/friends) to small things like the warm tea in your hand or the weather outside today. Try to go round and all thank God for one thing each.

Supplication:! Pray for any Intercessions that you have as a youth group. Bring your idea for building community before the Lord and ask him to bless it.

4. Games

Often, playing games and spending time together is one of the best ways to deepen connections and relationships amongst youth. Creating fun memories, relaxing and having a laugh is really important!

Split into teams. Have 3-5 of these games stationed around the room and after 5-10 mins, move the teams to the next activity. Compare timings/points at the end!

Tangle
Teamwork game where the youth stand in a circle and hold 2 different people's hands across the circle. Aim is to then untangle without letting go of hands.

Waiting on 3 legs
Team of 5 has to find a way to stand on only 3 legs for 10 seconds without falling.

Teamwork Sit
Form a circle with heel-toe gap being 3-6 inches between each person. Try and sit down lightly on the lap of the person behind whilst supporting the person in front. Hold for 30seconds once in position to succeed!

Chair Balloon Bursting
Split into teams, relay race. Chair with a balloon stuck on it across the room, the player has to run, try to burst the balloon by sitting on it and once they've burst it they have to run back and tag the next player. (Staff to stick new balloons on for each player). Quickest team wins, or if playing as a station, quickest time wins.

Target Practice
Set up objects to be knocked off a table each marked with a score. Each team has to go within a specified time using bundled up old socks. Most points win!

5. Follow Up Resource & Discussion

Here are some reflection questions for you to answer in your own time and space. Maybe put some calm music in the background and take some time to think these through with God.

1. What did you find most inspiring about the talk on relationships and community?
2. What did you find most challenging about the talk on relationships and community?
3. Do you think your group is good at healthy sisterhood/brotherhood? If yes, why? If no, what can you do to change this?
4. Read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 12. What do you think God is calling you to do to deepen your relationships with those in your youth group?
5. Write down 3 personal aims you want to achieve over the next year

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TALK 4 | ROOTED IN MISSION & SERVICE

ROOTED in God, through RELATIONSHIP with him, for the REDEMPTION of the world.
Colossians 2:6-7 "Continue to live your lives in [Christ], rooted and built up in him"

Activity	Duration
1. Video Input 1: Talk 4a - Intro & First Truth, Knowing Jesus	10 mins
2. Activity 1: Discussion	5 mins
3. Video Input 2: Talk 4b - Everyone has something to Share	10 mins
4. Activity 2: Personal Reflection	5 mins
5. Video Input 3: Talk 4c - Jesus is with us always	10 mins
6. Prayer	5 mins

1. Video Input 1 - Intro & First Truth: Knowing Jesus

Here is the link to the video: Rooted Series: Talk 4a - Intro & First Truth

Video Script: Clip 4a

Talk Intro:

- Matt 28: when I hear mission I think of Matthew 28:19 where Jesus says to his disciples - the ones who know him best - go and invite others to know me the way that you do.
- 3 truths wrapped up in this word:
    - Knowing Jesus is the only necessary qualification for Mission.
    - Every one of us has something unique to share now.
    - Jesus assures us that He is with us always. We know He'll be there, waiting to embrace anyone that we point to Him.
- In this session, we'll look at the example of Christ in 3 different gospel stories. We'll pause for an activity after each section.

Section 1:

- John 13:1-17 Jesus washes the feet of the disciples
- Jesus flips the idea of hierarchy/power structures on their head
- Servant leadership was unheard of at the time and so, it was revolutionary for a rabbi/teacher to kneel at the feet of his followers and serve them.

- Jesus' entire existence is the single greatest example of love in all of human history.
- The best and only way to show Christ to others is through humble service in love.
- These guys know who He is - He has nothing to prove here. He's doing this so that they can understand that when He invites us into mission, we are to put on aprons and join the Son of God at the feet of everyone. No servant is greater than their master.
- Power and pride don't have much plae in the Christian life.
- Christ calls us to minister to one another so that we might get a glimpse of how HE desires to minister to each and every one of us!

2. Activity 1 - Discussion about 'A servant you know...'

IF YOU'RE TOGETHER:
In groups, take a moment to think and then share about the person who comes to mind when you hear "servant". Explain why you thought of them and share an experience you've had of "servant leadership".

IF YOU'RE ONLINE:
If you are able to do the activity above, then go for it! If not, take a moment to think. Then write down the name of someone you think is a great servant. Write some reasons why, and how you see them because of their attitude to others. Then write the name of someone you feel you could never wash the feet of. Maybe they're arrogant, mean, selfish...When you have that person in mind, imagine Jesus. Imagine Jesus kneeling at the feet of that person and washing them clean. Pray for that person to experience the ministry of Christ in their life.

3. Video Input 2 - Second Truth: Everyone has something to share

Here is the link to the video: Rooted Series: Talk 4b - Second Truth: Everyone has something to share)

Video Script: Clip 4b

- John 4:4-42 The woman at the well
- This story teaches us A LOT about Mission and about the intentions of God
- Jesus flips the whole culture/customs on their head - in doing this, He immediately plants a seed of curiosity in the woman and here we learn a vital lesson in mission: *There is nothing, no line, no boundary that Christ will not cross in pursuit of every single person.*
- He then gives us a master class in evangelism:
    - Reveals himself to her
    - Reveals what he offers - living water
    - Reveals how intimately he knows her

    - Reveals the new worship - a new way to connect with God through him (Forgiveness!)
    - She goes back to her village and invites everyone there with a question: could this be the Messiah?
- He then teaches his disciples that the mission is now and the field is ready for harvest - He teaches this in the middle of showing it through the Samaritan woman!
- Verse 42 - The Missionary's Dream: When she brings others to Jesus, they say the one sentence every missionary hopes to hear, "Not JUST from what you said, but now we've ENCOUNTERED Him for ourselves and we know He's the SAVIOUR."
- What begins as a small seed of curiosity grows into a great harvest of believers.

4. Activity 2 - Personal Reflection

During this time your leader may play some quiet music in the room or through zoom.

- Find a space, and get a piece of paper and pen.
- Draw a line on a page. Write above this line any reason that you think Jesus might give up on you, or not want you.
- Do this a few times if you can think of a few things
- Then, close your eyes and look to Jesus.
- Go through the steps of the Samaritan woman for yourself:
    1. Jesus, I know you are Lord. I know you came to die for my sins and you rose again for the salvation of all.
    2. Jesus, I know you offer living water.
    3. Jesus, you know my heart. You know the worst of me. You know the best of me. You know my reality and you know my potential.
    4. Jesus, you are my bridge to the Father. You have opened my eyes to a new way to live, a new way to worship.
    5. Jesus, I invite you to step over the boundary lines of my life, so that you might use me to invite others to do the same.
- When you are ready, look again at the lines on the page. Then, write over each with the name Jesus, or with a cross, or any other word that comes to mind when you talk to Jesus.

5. Video Input 3 - Third Truth: Jesus is with us, always

Video Script: Clip 4c

Here is the link to the video: Rooted Series: Talk 4c - Third Truth: Jesus is with us, always)

- John 21:15-18 Jesus reinstates Peter
- Wider context is key: Peter, who denied Jesus 3 times is now given 3 opportunities to declare his commitment to Christ.
- Jesus establishes his church on this very principle.
- We operate in mission on the grace, forgiveness and freedom that Christ has for us.

- Inviting others to know him is inviting them into this same grace, forgiveness and freedom!
- There is no darkness that Jesus will not step into for us. Our conviction of his mercy and freedom can help to bring conviction to those we encounter.
- We are not worthy, but we are made worthy by Him.
- Dream trip analogy: you've won your dream trip and can invite others.
    - This is how I see mission. We have the gift of this great hope lying ahead of us, and we choose to invite others to join us on the journey towards it.

6. Prayer

- Turn to Jesus in prayer. Ask him to give you a spirit of love for all those in your life.
- When you are ready, write 3 things on paper or in your phone notes (anywhere you can take it with you):
    - Jesus, I love you. Feed …(the name of someone in your life you can show Christ to)....
    - Jesus, I love you. Take care of …(another name)
    - Jesus, I love you. Feed …(another name)...
- Take this away as a reminder of the great commissioning that you have received from Christ.

MISSION BINGO

(for the week ahead)

Mission Bingo can also be found in the Rooted Series: Extended Daily Prayer Guide

Challenge: see how many of the following things you can do in the next week (or two!). Next time you're together with your Youth Group, share your experience of anything that you ticked off.

Tell your friend a bit about your Youth Group, about your friends there, and/or about these sessions. Practice planting seeds of curiosity	Show love to someone in need: give food to a homeless person, donate to charity, phone an elderly relative...	Find somewhere nice/cool to sit for a while and be alone with Jesus. Ask Him what He's calling you to.
Think of a creative way to share your faith on social media. Share a post, or use your own words.	Do something helpful without anyone asking. Hoover the stairs, clean the kitchen, fold the laundry...	Read the book of Nehemiah. It's not too long, I promise (there are some lists). Consider what God is saying to you through that story.
If you have siblings or anyone you live with: tell them 3 things you appreciate about them. Tell them Jesus loves them.	Send a note to a friend who you think could use some encouragement. Write your own message, send them some of their favourite things, invite them to hang out/play games online...	Go to church (either physically or virtually). Ask your parents/priest/pastor if there are any ways you can be on mission/serve in your life at home.