



ROOTED

a **discipleship experience** that connects
people to God, the Church, and their purpose

what is rooted?

Rooted is a catalyst for life change connecting people with God, the church, and their purpose through an 11-week discipleship experience.

Rooted aligns with 2|42's unique mission, vision and values. For those getting to know Jesus, Rooted reveals who He is and how to take next steps with Him. For the more mature believer, Rooted refocuses one's faith and ignites new passion for Kingdom work.

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our mission is to help people take _____ with God

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2|42-47

Everything we do at 2|42 is summed up in the idea of taking next steps and modeling ourselves after Acts 2|42-47. We want to follow the New Testament church's example of growing in knowledge of God, growing together with God's people in authentic relationships, and changing the world by contributing to God's mission in the world.

These three primary experiences are how we help people take next steps with God.

we live out our mission through developing disciples of Jesus who:

know God

Knowing God is all about our _____ with God. It is the upward dimension to our spiritual lives. Jesus summed up the importance of this relationship as the greatest of all the commandments given:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

MATTHEW 22|37

One of the ways we grow in knowing God is through gathering to worship together weekly. During our weekend services, we collectively worship God through song, prayer, humor, fellowship, and teaching. Worship is simply expressing our love to God.

Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.

MATTHEW 4|10B

...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.

JOHN 4|23B NLT

This means we must worship with both our head and heart. Notice it doesn't say anything about style.

Some churches have liturgical worship where everything is very solemn, quiet and orderly. Others are charismatic and emotional. 2|42 is somewhere in the middle of this. The point is not the style of the worship environment, only that it's done in spirit and truth. The worship environment in a church should be about bringing honor and glory to God and teaching biblical truth.

Like any other relationship in our lives, a relationship with God takes work, communication, and quality time. Prayer is how we talk with God. Jesus modeled and taught a consistent rhythm of prayer. This is why having a daily encounter is such an important part of following Jesus, and such an important part of the Rooted experience. Jesus encouraged us like this:

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

MATTHEW 6|6

Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word.

...that comes from the mouth of God.

MATTHEW 4|4

Check out 242community.com to learn more about daily encounters and how you are shaped for a relationship with God.

grow with others

Growing with others is all about following Jesus by developing relationships with God's people, the church. This is about experiencing _____ by growing with others through weekly groups and coaching relationships.

This is the inward dimension to our spiritual lives. God didn't just create us to worship Him personally, but also with others. We were created to be in relationships with others. Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love God, but the second greatest was like it:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

MATTHEW 22|39

Like the first church in Acts, we prioritize small groups in order to help people grow with others. In Acts 2 we read about the believers hanging out day after day in the temple and sharing meals in homes. They did life together. This is one of the reasons it is important to commit to meeting weekly with your Rooted group, as you begin to do life together over the next several weeks.

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

EPHESIANS 5|2A NLT

There are more than 30 commands in the New Testament that we really can't obey unless we are growing with others. These are the "one another" commands. We believe these are best lived out in a small group. Small group communities allow a church to grow big, but still be personal and foster friendships. After completing Rooted, your Rooted group will continue on as a small group. That will allow you to continue building on the community you will have developed through the Rooted experience.

change the world

Changing the world is all about using our _____, _____, and _____ to participate in God's Kingdom work.

This is the outward dimension to our spiritual life. God didn't just create us to worship Him and build relationships with other Jesus-followers. He also created us to join in His redemptive work. Jesus' last words to His first followers set the marching orders for all who would follow Him:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

MATTHEW 28|19-20A

We live these out through what we call The Nine.



what does this look like in our lives?

The rhythms of rooted:

rooted and 2|42

So why Rooted? What better way to start a journey of faith than with a discipleship experience that will better connect you with God, our church and your purpose?

Just like our church, Rooted is based on the mission and strategy of the Acts 2 church.

We love our mission and want everyone to be a part of this amazing work God is doing through his people.