



## Small Group Discussion Notes

### Roots Run Deep

Deeply Devoted

Psalm 119

October 1, 2023

### Warm Up

Share something you were deeply passionate about/devoted to as a child.

### Digging Deeper

*Take a few minutes to individually skim through Psalm 119 and identify some verses that speak to the importance of devoting yourself to the study of scripture.*

After looking through Psalm 119, what verses stood out to you regarding the importance of regular Bible study? Why did these verses make an impact on you?

How is slower devotional reading of perhaps smaller passages of scripture advantageous for our spiritual growth?

*Read Acts 2:42-47*

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and fell on the early believers they were empowered for ministry and made a significant commitment to one another and their own spiritual growth. What can we learn about such devotion from the early church?

What have you found to be helpful tools or practices for engaging daily/regularly with scripture?

How do daily devotions help to prepare the soil of our hearts for spiritual roots to run deep in our lives? What might the overflow of such devotional practices and spiritual growth look like to those around us?

### Next Steps

What can you do personally to develop your rhythm of daily devotions? What obstacles need to be removed to make this happen?

*Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is referred to as The Shema, and it is a Jewish prayer that is prayed twice daily (evening and morning) that expresses the singularity of God. What is also made very clear is the importance of regular/daily spiritual investment in our families. How might your daily devotional rhythms tie into or inform the way you spiritually invest in your relationships (spouse, children, friends, etc.)?

If you have children or grandchildren, what can you do to help them establish devotional practices?

### Final Thoughts

Talk as a group about how you can encourage one another to participate in daily devotions (daily/regular study and meditation on scripture).