



## Rooted: Sought After | October 16, 2019

### Discussion Guide

#### The Scoop

If someone were to ask you, is there a moment that you felt fully loved, fully seen, and fully celebrated, could you think of a time? Could that time be something you rooted your life into? Could it last forever? Read below to hear more.

#### Key Verses

**John 1:35-39 (NIV)**

*"The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"*

*When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.*

#### Discussion

When was the last time someone asked you to recall a moment in your life that you felt fully loved and fully known? Often times, we think about moments from our childhood. We think about the special times our parents went out of their way to make us feel like the center of their universe. We think about looking for them in a crowded room, and seeing them zero in on us like nothing else mattered. And even if we didn't do anything important, parents have a unique way of making us feel so celebrated.

1. When was the last time you felt fully loved and fully known?
2. Why do you think it might be easier for us to feel this way as children?

The truth is that the God of the universe sees us in a similar way. And if we are living rooted deep within his love, being fully known, fully loved, and fully celebrated is the invitation that God extends to us every day. We know that because the God of the universe actually came down to live with and be among his "tov meod," the best of the best, of the very, very best he has ever made. And in every interaction we read in the Bible, Jesus makes people feel this way. Their lives are changed simply being in his presence. In a really simple way, he makes them feel celebrated and loved.

3. How does it make you feel that the God of the universe sees you this way?
4. Why does the fact that Jesus came down to live with his people change everything about the way we relate to the God of the universe?

In John 1:35-36, Jesus encounters two disciples. They hear that Jesus is passing by, and simply choose to follow him. We don't have many details, but we can assume that since these guys followed Jesus, there had to be something different and attractive about him. Jesus then asks the men what they want; what they are looking for. The men respond by asking where Jesus is staying. All they want is to be in his presence. Jesus invites them to come along and be with him, to stand in his presence. They spend the entire day with him.

5. Would you choose to follow Jesus around for an entire day if given the chance?
6. What lies do you believe that get in the way of understanding how God sees you – as the best of the best, of the very, very best?

#### What's Next?

Every newborn comes into the world looking for someone. It's actually in our human DNA to seek that person out. We all want to be seen, known, celebrated and loved. And most of the time, even as adults, we look to everything around us to tell us whose we are. But Jesus is really the person we are looking for. He is the one who can truly make us feel fully loved and fully celebrated.

This week, as you live out and engage your faith, consider what the God of the universe is offering to you. He is ready and willing to offer us the deepest desires of our heart – to be fully know and fully loved. Do you believe that the God of the universe can root you in a kind of love that lasts forever?