

# the lifelong *pursuit*

“Root” | Group Discussion Guide | August 17, 2025

**Key Scriptures:** 1 Corinthians 8:1-3; Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Samuel 24:24; Exodus 33:11

## Key Points:

Work to plant the Word in your mind all life long.

It is possible to know the Word, but not know the Lord.

Work to root yourself in habits that push to Jesus all life long.

**Group Opener:** Share a positive habit (spiritual or otherwise) that you started and either stuck with it or didn't. What made the difference?

## Discuss:

1. Tim talked about how easy it is for Christians to make decisions **about** Jesus **without** Jesus. What dangers are present when this happens?
2. Which of these best describes what comes to mind when you think about spiritual habits? **a)** *Hard work that's tough to sustain* **b)** *Something for the “spiritual elite”* **c)** *Another area where I might fall short* **d)** *A life-giving rhythm I want more of* or **e)** *Something else* (share your own words)
3. **Read Matthew 6:19-21 together.** Jesus connects our heart to what we actually **do**, not just what we **know**. Looking back to this point, what habits have helped you the most to root yourself in Jesus and know Him better?
4. Habits like prayer, giving, and fasting are not just things to read about, but things we should do. In what ways does that challenge you? How does this encourage you?
5. “Every habit is a chance to see Jesus more clearly.” What habit(s) do you feel God calling you to engage in to push you toward Jesus?

**Pray** (feel free to pray this word-for-word or to pray freely):

“Lord, thank You for showing us that following You is more than just knowing the right things. Help us root ourselves in habits that draw us to You, not for performance, but so we can see You more clearly. Let every habit this week remind us of Your goodness, Your power, and Your love for us right now. Amen.”