

Financial *Peace*

February 9 - April 10

Sundays • 11am • Chapel

Cost: \$120 *with book* • \$99 *online*



SUNDAY SOCIAL

Community • Food • Baptisms

February 23rd

After the 11am service
on the patio



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FINDING INSPIRATION IN THE PSALMS

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Psalm 1

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WEEK 1

SESSION OVERVIEW

Theme: Rooted – Thriving Through Deep Faith

Main Point: A thriving faith is a rooted faith. When we are deeply planted in God's Word and presence, we stand firm through life's storms, bear fruit, and experience His provision.

Key Scripture: *Psalm 1:1-3*

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

OPENING PRAYER (2 min)

Begin with a prayer, inviting God to speak through His Word. Example: "Lord, we ask You to plant us deeply in Your Word. Strengthen our faith, deepen our roots, and help us stand firm in You. Teach us tonight how to thrive by staying rooted in You. Amen."

HIGHLIGHTS (15 min)

- Share personal highlights: Where have you seen God move in your life this past week?
- Celebrate victories, answered prayers, or moments where faith sustained you.
- Transition prayer: Thank God for His faithfulness and ask for open hearts as you dive into His Word.

TIME TO CONSIDER (25 min)

1. Read Psalm 1 Aloud

- Ask two volunteers to read the passage in different translations.
- Encourage group members to **listen for repeated words or themes** that stand out.

2. Discussion Questions

- **Root Check:** What does it mean to be *planted* by streams of water? Where do your roots currently draw life from?
- **Surface vs. Depth:** The Great Storm of 1987 uprooted trees because they had *shallow roots*. What are some signs of a shallow faith? How can we deepen our roots in Christ?
- **Meditation Matters:** The Psalmist describes meditating on God's Word *day and night*. What are practical ways to integrate God's Word into your daily life?
- **Thriving Through Trials:** What do *storms* in life look like for you? How has being rooted in God's Word helped you withstand difficult seasons?
- **Cultural Contrast:** Our culture often promotes convenience over commitment. How can we resist *spiritual shallowness* and develop consistent devotion?

3. Illustration: Root Depth and Storms

- What Just like **shallow-rooted trees** easily uprooted in storms, Christians without deep roots in God's Word struggle to endure trials.
- Share personal experiences where being deeply rooted in Scripture provided **strength and stability** during hardships.

MISSIONAL LIVING (25 min)

- **Living Differently:** How does being rooted in Christ make us stand out in a world where faith is often treated casually?
- **Challenge**
- **Devote to a Weekly Gathering:** Make Sunday worship a launching point for your week, not just an event.
- **30-Day Daily Devotional Challenge:** Encourage members to commit to daily Scripture meditation.
- **Create "Rooted Moments":** Prioritize **prayer, generosity, community, and worship** as daily habits.

REACH OUR WORLD (10 min):

- Discuss **Awaken's mission** to spread the gospel in Las Vegas and beyond.
- Pray for one of Awaken's church plants or mission partners.
- Ask each group member to pray for **one person** in their life who needs to be rooted in Christ.

Closing Prayer (13 min)

- Reflect on what was shared and pray for **spiritual depth and endurance**.
- Separate into smaller groups (if applicable) for deeper prayer and encouragement
- Ask for **God's wisdom** in cultivating a faith that is deeply rooted and immovable.

Additional Notes

- Encourage leaders to emphasize **practical application**—faith is only rooted when lived out daily.
- Challenge members to identify **one way** they will deepen their roots this week (e.g., **memorizing Scripture, prioritizing daily devotion, serving in community**).