

Small Group & Homeschool Leader Guide for “Rooted in Christ’s Identity: Wholeness Beyond Circumstance”

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How to Use the Sections in This Guide

- Read one chapter (or a few) at a time.
- Choose 3–5 questions per session.
- Allow space for silence and reflection.
- Encourage sharing, but do not force it.
- Use the Scriptures to anchor the conversation in truth.



1. Hidden Seasons

Key Idea: Hidden does not mean forgotten.

Scripture:

- Psalm 139:1–3
- Isaiah 49:15–16
- Colossians 3:3

Questions & Prompts:

- When have you felt hidden, unseen, or behind?
- What emotions come up in seasons that feel slow or quiet?
- What does it mean that your life is “hidden with Christ” (Colossians 3:3)?
- How does it change things to know God sees you fully?

Leader Note:

Younger participants may need help naming emotions. Affirm honesty without rushing to fix it.

2. Change and Growth

Key Idea: Form may change, but identity does not.

Scripture:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Romans 8:28–29
- Philippians 1:6

Questions & Prompts:

- Why was the seed afraid when the shell began to crack?
- Can you think of a time when change felt uncomfortable or confusing?
- What are some ways God grows us that do not feel easy?
- How does knowing God finishes what He starts bring peace?

Leader Note:

Help participants see that discomfort does not mean something is wrong.

3. False Voices and Truth

Key Idea: Not every voice speaks truth.

Scripture:

- John 10:27
- John 8:31–32
- Romans 12:2

Questions & Prompts:

- What kinds of negative or untrue thoughts do people hear today?
- What did the false voices say to the seed?
- How can we learn to recognize God’s voice?
- What does God say about who you are?

Activity Option:

Write down one false belief and replace it with a truth from Scripture.

4. Identity

Key Idea: What you face is not your name.

Scripture:

- 1 John 3:1
- Ephesians 1:4–5
- Psalm 139:13–14

Questions & Prompts:

- What does it mean that the seed still “bears the name”?
- Why is it important that pain, weakness, or delay do not define us?
- How does God describe you in His Word?
- Is there an area where you need to ask, “God, what do You call me?”

Leader Note:

This is a key section. Give time for reflection and personal response.

5. Slow Work and Trust

Key Idea: Growth can be slow and still be real.

Scripture:

- Isaiah 40:31
- Galatians 6:9
- Psalm 23:1–3

Questions & Prompts:

- Why is it hard to wait for growth we cannot see?
- What does it look like to trust God’s timing?
- How can we rest while God is still working?
- Where might God be working in your life right now, even if you cannot see it?

6. Wholeness

Key Idea: Wholeness is rooted in identity, not circumstance.

Scripture:

- Colossians 2:10
- Romans 8:38–39
- 2 Corinthians 12:9

Questions & Prompts:

- What does it mean to be whole, even if life is not perfect?
- How does God’s love remain steady in every season?
- How does identity in God bring peace in difficult circumstances?

7. Beyond the Bloom (Giving and Growth in Others)

Key Idea: What God grows in us can bless others.

Scripture:

- 2 Corinthians 9:10–11
- Matthew 5:16
- John 15:8

Questions & Prompts:

- What has God grown in you that you could share with someone else?
- What does it look like to give from what you have received?
- How can your life bring hope or encouragement to others?

Leader Note:

Keep this section light and hopeful, not heavy or performance-driven.

Optional Closing

Invite participants to respond:

- in prayer
- by journaling
- or by sharing one truth they want to remember

You may also close by reading one of the prayers from the Appendix together.



Final Encouragement for Leaders

The goal is not to “get through all the questions.”

The goal is to help each person:

- feel seen
- hear truth
- and grow in understanding of who they are in God

Even one meaningful conversation is enough.