

### Leader Conversation Guide - Grounded (Part I: God's Word)

### Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt kicked off a brand-new series titled GROUNDED – how to stabilize in a chaotic world! He unpacked the fascinating journey of how the Word of God came to be the most printed, best-selling book in the history of the world. There has never been, nor will there ever be, a book like the Bible. Written over the span of 1600 years in over a dozen countries in three languages on three continents by 40 people from all walks of life, and yet it speaks in perfect unity. How?! There is one author... God.

## Everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

MATTHEW 7:24

## Make it Practical - How do I ground myself in God's Word?

- <u>I must accept its authority.</u> (1 Thessalonians 2:13) Make it the most important thing in your life. You can't mix other things with God's Word. You can't mix God's Word with other things and expect things to work out. We believe in the Word, and move in faith on whatever God's Word says. We don't ask the Bible to come to my level.. We bring our lives up to the Bibles level.
- I must assimilate its truth. (Romans 10:17) If you want to increase your faith, hear the Word of God. Read God's Word, (Matt 4:4) we can't live on bread alone, but on God's Word. You aren't nourished by one meal a week. You need to eat during the week as well. Retain God's Word. Psalm 119:11, we need to hide God's Word in our hearts. When you're going through a tough time, have God's Word in your heart. Don't just know it in your head, know it in your heart.
- <u>I must apply its principles.</u> (James 1:22) James tells us, don't just listen, but live it. Apply God's Word to your life. If you just listen, and don't practice, you are deceiving yourself. Just because you "know it" doesn't mean you're good.

### **Talk About It**

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- What can you do this week to ground yourself in God's Word?
- How can daily application of Scripture change the way you view the world?

# If your God never confronts you, you've created your own god in your own image.

### **Prayer**

Father, thank You for Your Word that never fails and remains the same. Holy Spirit, guide us as we study Scripture, and revel Your truth to us. Let us not live according to our own desires, but let our desires be guided by who You have called us to be. Help us to accept, assimilate, and apply Your Word in our lives in all that we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Leader Tip**

Encourage Group members to find a Bible reading plan and commit to reading daily. Just watch how God begins to change your perspective and speak through His Word!