

## ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE

"Delighting in Scripture" | 27 MAR 2022

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- 1. NT Wright said the following about Lent: "Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store." Have some discussion on these perspectives about Lent. What stands out to you and why?
- 2. Following the above, have you ever known God to be a God who is fault-finding perhaps from your upbringing or a less than loving experience in organized religion? In what ways might you share with someone God's true character and narrative?
- 3. Read Ephesians 3:16-19 aloud. Reread it aloud a second time. Paul wants all believers to know the whole dimension of God's love; how would you describe God's love to some who are not yet believers?
- 4. Spend time in prayer thanking God for the people you care deeply about who have experienced salvation and are now rooted and grounded in love. Praise God for how he has blessed those you love and care for most.
- 5. Read Colossians 2:6-7 aloud. Reread it aloud a second time. What stands out to you? What are some popular self-help concepts out nowadays, e.g., "be your best self now"? Discuss how the main idea of these compares and contrasts with the main idea of spiritual fullness in Christ that results from the gospel.

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- 6. The UCM value of Rooted in Scripture is, "We devote ourselves to understanding, obeying, and delighting in God's Word." Discuss the element of delight. Have you ever known a regular and ongoing delighting in Scripture in your life, such that you craved it like you crave actual food? Or is your experience more like Scripture as obligation or duty? Elaborate. Talk about any hindrances to delighting in Scripture with your group.
- 7. Continue to pray together as it follows from the discussion that UCM would be a family of disciples making disciples who are rooted in Scripture and bearing good fruit for God's kingdom and glory always.

