

# ROOTED

02.01.26 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



## KEY TAKEAWAY

The life of the church, and the life of every believer, is sustained not by human strength, but by being rooted in the Spirit of God.



## ACTION STEP

When fear or anxiety surface this week, pause and say, "God, I trust You with what I cannot control, and I know you are good."

## WHAT STUCK OUT TO YOU MOST FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE?

### ZECHARIAH'S VISION. READ ZECHARIAH 4

- Zerubbabel and Joshua were necessary leaders, but they were not the source of the power. How do we know the difference between responsibility and self-reliance?
- The vision emphasizes continual supply, not a one-time filling. What practices or rhythms help you stay aware of your daily dependence on the Spirit?

### JOHN'S VISION. READ REVELATION 1

- The churches are described as lampstands meaning they hold light, but they are not the source of it. What does that teach us about the church's role in the world, and your role within the church
- The power and authority of Jesus in Revelation 1 contrasts sharply with the weakness of the churches. How does that contrast bring comfort rather than pressure?



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## BEYOND APPEARANCES.

- Being rooted in the Spirit isn't always visible from the outside. Why do you think we're tempted to measure spiritual health by what we can see?
- Pastor Chase asked, "What separates going through the motions from genuinely being the church?" How would you answer this question in your own words?

## DIGGING DEEPER.

***In Revelation 3:1–6, Jesus speaks to the church in Sardis. This church had a reputation for being alive. From the outside, it looked healthy, active, and vibrant. But Jesus says something devastating: "You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead." The issue wasn't that the church had stopped doing things; it was that spiritual life had quietly drained away beneath the surface. What appeared alive outwardly was no longer rooted in real dependence on God inwardly.***

- Jesus tells the church to "wake up" and strengthen what remains. What might that look like practically for a church (or a believer) who has drifted into self-reliance?
- In what ways can reputation, routine, or familiarity with church life make it harder to notice spiritual drift in our own hearts?
- What practices or postures can help us—both as a church and as individuals—avoid having a reputation for being alive while drifting away from real dependence on the Spirit?