

- Send intro email to your group prior to meeting, encouraging them to be at the Launch on Sunday, at 5:00 pm.
- The first Launch session starts as an entire community with Steve leading.
- Midway through the Launch session, you will break up into your group for group time.
- If you do not know each other, start with brief introductions - go around the group.
- have each person share their name, if their spouse is present, how long they have been at Illuminate, etc.
- Ask each one to share what they are expecting to get out of the experience.
- Briefly go over the Rooted workbook.
- Go over and have everyone sign the covenant on page 11.
- Discuss the weekly devotional expectation.
- Bring up the prayer experience and begin to plan it out.
- Make sure everyone knows where your group will be meeting.
- Talk about the serve experience, and let us know if you need contacts, ideas.
- Set up a Snack schedule – We'll provide pizza and salad for the Launch meeting (Week 1).
- Have each Leader/co-leader share a 1-2 minute story to kick off the small group time.
- Get sign-ups for 1-2 minute stories from each member of your group (starting Week 2).
- Agree on the best way to communicate with everyone in the group.
- Encourage them to stay the course for the entire 10- week commitment.
- If people are traveling, try SKYPE or ZOOM to bring them into the meeting.
- If someone is going to miss more than 3 weeks, encourage them to wait until another ROOTED session.
- End with an activity to get to know one another... two truths and a lie works well the first round since it's a new group. Be prepared in advance to share yours first.