

LEADERS DEBRIEF GUIDE

Debrief Leader Tips

- Our general recommendation is 30 minutes.
- Ask questions to keep the conversation going (use the questions below or your own).
- Encourage everyone to speak. Notice if you haven't heard from someone or if one person is dominating the conversation.
- As things are winding down, give people permission to leave. For those who want to keep chatting, feel free to stay on the call a bit longer or exchange contact info.
- If more than 6-8 people have joined, consider sending people to breakout groups of 3-4 people. Post the questions you want to discuss for all groups to reference.

Roots Debrief Questions

Pick a few questions from the Recognize, Reflect and Respond columns and the session specific question below. You will not have time for all questions, and you are certainly free to add your own.

RECOGNIZE

- Where did you walk?
- What did you see on your walk? (Feel free to screen share pictures.)
- What did you think about while walking today?

REFLECT

- What stuck out to you from the audio guide?
- What longing guided your walk today?
- A [walk-specific question](#) from the list below.

RESPOND

- What invitation from God did you lean into "on the way" today?
- How might what you're learning or experiencing on The Celtic Way affect your everyday life?

Root 1:

- Where do you need to encounter the love of the Creator God? Where do you long for God to do something new?
- What has God been saying to you personally through the stories in Genesis, and Patrick's life, or even Orlando's story?
- What would it mean to put your feet back on difficult soil like Patrick did and align yourself with God's redemptive purposes?

Root 2:

- God's protection is needed most when we are most vulnerable. Where in your life do you need to know God as protector?
- God often greets us with questions, inviting us into a truth-telling conversation. What truth do you need to share with God?
- Consider who or what are the High Kings in your life and world. What threatens those who are powerless in your communities?
- Where are you afraid to light your fire of hope or worship?

Root 3:

- What are the places in your life where your path feels foggy or unclear, perhaps because of an impending change, a pressing decision, or simply a shift in how you'd expected your path to be?
- How do you sense God wants to be with you in your fear, questions, anxieties, or vulnerability? How are you being invited to move forward with God's presence?
- Like Moses, is God inviting you to pray or advocate for others who need God's presence?

Root 4:

- Imagine yourself as a tree. What stage of growth are you in? How might God be inviting you to be more deeply rooted in God's love for you?
- As God nurtures you - calling you to grow and become who you were created to be - is there anything that is stunting your growth that needs to be pruned or tended?
- What could the practice of Anam Cara -soul friendship- look like in your life? How would you like to pursue and nurture spiritual friendships that can point you to deeper relationship with Jesus?



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Branch 1:

- Is there a way that Jesus is asking you to trust him and put out into deep water like Simon, or launch your boat like Brendan?
- Is there anything that you are holding in your grip that keeps you from saying "yes" to the next thing that God has for you? Can you imagine releasing it in trust?
- What partners or companions are with you on your journey?
- What is exciting about trusting Jesus in your current circumstances? What's difficult?

Branch 2:

- Where are you experiencing disappointment, grief, or anguish? What are the places of death that need resurrection in your life?
- How is Jesus inviting you into hope and prayer as you wait for him to bring healing and restoration to unfinished or difficult strands of your story?
- Where is there desolation in your community, society, field of study or work? How might God invite you to seek shalom there and carry life and resurrection into those places of desolation?

Branch 3:

- How have you been like the birds in Jesus' parable, finding a restful branch of welcome in the Kingdom community?
- How do you need to be filled and refreshed by God?
- What would help prepare you to care for your community?
- How is God inviting you to say "yes" to an "egg" God has placed in your hand?
- If there is a situation where the needs of community feel overwhelming, how can you take a step toward the particular thing—big or small—where God is inviting you to care or act?
- Are there things that you are taking on that God may want you to release? Or, are there ways that God may want to invite others to share in the burden of care you said "yes" to?

Branch 4:

- Are there ways you notice yourself clinging to false narratives that are causing you to wither? Do you recognize ways that shame is making you believe you can never change?
- What work may God, the Master arborist, the loving tree doctor, want to do in your life?
- God invites us to lay down our attempts to shape, control, and make our stories perfect. Are there places where Jesus is inviting you to surrender parts of your story so that he can transform it with his love and mercy?
- How do you see God's story playing out in certain areas of your life?
- Who might be blessed to hear how God has been at work in your story? Are there particular people, places, or communities that come to mind?
- As you think about taking a posture of discovering God at work in other peoples' stories, who are some people whom you would like to ask about their story?

Debriefing the Celtic Way:

- Was there a Root or Branch that resonated with you? Why do you think this theme resonated with you at this time of your life?
- Was there something that consistently drew your attention on your walks? Why might your attention have been drawn to that in this season of your life?
- Was there a particular invitation from God to you? If so, what was it, and how will you respond?