

Series: Ripple Effect - Colossians
Sermon: Rooted
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Daily Readings

Monday: Colossians 2
Tuesday: 1 Peter 1-1 Peter 2:3
Wednesday: John 1
Thursday: Matthew 5
Friday: Matthew 6
Saturday: Matthew 7

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about what it means to be rooted in Christ? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Read Colossians 2:6-7. Interact with this phrase again: "Roots absorb what they are rooted in." How do we stay rooted in the person and truth of Jesus? Have we allowed our lives to be rooted in the world in any way? How can we give this over to the Lord?
4. How does our culture try to distort the good news and the person of Jesus? Why must we be on guard against these kinds of "hollow" and "deceptive" philosophies? Why are these philosophies hollow (empty)? In what ways are these philosophies deceptive?
5. Read Colossians 2:9-10. What does it mean to receive Christ's fullness? How do we live out of that fullness?
6. Read Colossians 2:11-15. Knowing that we are made new by faith, made alive, made debt-free, and made victorious, how can these truths change our lives? Why must we grasp these truths in order to stay rooted?
7. How can the storms of this life actually help us deepen our roots in Christ? Why is community and time in the Word so important to this process?
8. Reflect on this warning again: "But be warned as well. Storms are going to come in this life. In this world. And trees can't wait until the storm comes to put down roots...by that time it is already too late." How do we take heart to this warning?
9. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step:

1. Develop a plan to stay rooted in Christ. Is prayer and Scripture reading a regular part of your life? Do you live in biblical community? Is gathering for worship on Sundays a priority? Are you serving somewhere? Take some time to evaluate and ask the Lord if you need to give any attention to some of these areas in order to further deepen your roots in Jesus.