

ROOTED

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 // PASTOR SCOTT HAMILTON
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“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:6-7

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Scott outlined three aspects of being rooted as 1) gripped with deep roots, 2) growing with real shoots, and 3) grateful with healthy fruit. Where do you find these ideas in the passage? How do you feel you might be doing in these three areas?
- Colossians 2:6-7 speaks about receiving Christ as Lord as the motivation for the way you intend to live (“so walk in him”). Where did you see the most consistency between your faith and your daily living last week? What would you need to do to change aspects of your life that were inconsistent with having received Christ Jesus as Lord?
- We were encouraged to remember that making spiritual progress requires patience. How have you found it to be unnecessarily discouraging when you’ve compared your progress with another person who is also rooted in Christ?
- While comparison can have negative effects on our emotions, it can also provide an example for us to aspire toward. What are some traits of spiritual maturity in people around you that inspire you to walk more closely with Christ. In other words, what kind of Christian do you want to be?

- What did you think about the comparison made between bible-based, and bible-built people? Give an example of how you plan to be bible built as you look at your schedule for the week ahead.
- Jesus' parable about the wise and foolish builders makes it obvious that our choice of foundation matters, yet believers still root themselves in ways that lead to disaster. Read Jesus' words in Matthew 7:24-27 and consider how you can determine which parts of your life may be rooted into things that become unstable in the storm. Write down the first ideas that come to mind and meditate this week on why you may be concerned. If appropriate discuss your concern with your small group.
- What spiritual practices do you share with your family that help knit your spiritual roots together? If you don't have a consistent practice, what you like that practice to be?
- One practice that will develop deeper roots, real shoots, and healthy fruit is to sit down and inventory your possession and then ask each other, "How can we make more of Jesus with all that we have? How can we make it count for him?" Let's try this now. Many people have a roof over their head and possess a vehicle, so write down the easiest ways you can leverage these for Christ's glory?
- Have you found it easy to be someone who abounds with thankfulness? What are some common struggles people face that keep them from being more thankful?
- To overcome those struggles today, what do you want to give thanks about right now to build up your potential for exploding with gratefulness?