

ROOTED

A Flourishing Christian Life

Rooted - Reach the World

Key idea:

Christians are rooted in God's grace and flourish as they are engaged in reaching the world, both locally and internationally, with the Gospel so that others may hear and respond to the Gospel.

Key text:

Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Key points:

1. We are called to reach the world as part of our Christian flourishing.
2. Reaching the world is both a corporate and individual responsibility.
3. The Great Commission involves making disciples through baptism and teaching.
4. Evangelism includes both proclamation of the gospel and acts of mercy.
5. Being rooted in Christ involves five key areas: the soil of the gospel of grace, love our God (worship), connect with others (community), serve His church (service), and reach the world (outreach to the lost).

Discussion Questions:

1. The teaching emphasized that reaching the world is not just for "professional" missionaries. How does this challenge your perspective on evangelism?
2. Discuss the concept of "kairos moments" mentioned in the sermon. Can you share an experience where you recognized or missed such a moment? What are

some practical ways we can be more intentional about looking for 'kairos moments' to share the gospel in our daily lives?

3. How might our approach to evangelism and missions change if we truly believed that God is already at work in people's lives before we reach them?
4. How does the idea of reaching the world "together" impact your view of church community and mission? In what ways might our individualistic culture hinder our ability to fulfill the Great Commission as a community, and how can we overcome this?
5. Bret mentioned a "quiet revival" happening right now, including among younger generations. How can we as a group be more attentive and responsive to this movement?
6. Reflect on the five areas of Christian flourishing (the gospel of grace, love, connect, serve, reach). Which area do you feel strongest in? Which area needs the most growth?
7. How does understanding baptism and teaching as key components of disciple-making affect your approach to sharing your faith?
8. The teaching touched on both verbal proclamation and acts of mercy in evangelism. How can we balance these in our outreach efforts as a church? How can you balance them in your personal life?

Practical Applications:

1. Identify one "mission field" in your daily life (e.g., workplace, neighborhood, family) and commit to praying for opportunities to share the gospel there.
2. Choose one of the five areas of Christian flourishing that you want to grow in. Share with a group and ask for accountability.
3. Plan a group outreach activity that combines both proclamation and acts of mercy (e.g., serving at a shelter while sharing testimonies).
4. Start a prayer journal focused on the lost people in your life, committing to pray for them regularly.
5. Practice sharing your testimony or a brief gospel presentation with a partner to build confidence in evangelism.