

Liberty Baptist Church Scripture Reflections

ROOTED

Small Group Discussion

This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to www.experienceliberty.org and select the Sermon title listed above.

Sermon Bible Verses: Colossians 2:6-7

As maturing Christians, we should be rooted in Christ and like a tree that is well rooted. It's our underneath that determines our strength. A shallow rooted tree has no chance in a storm to survive.

Colossians 2:6-7

*As you therefore have **received** Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, **7rooted** and **built up** in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.*

- What does it mean to be rooted and built up in Him, strengthen in the faith? How can individual believers pursue these things and continue to grow year by year?
- Is it always obvious when someone bypasses being “rooted” and stands on a platform of superficial building?
- The unfortunate reality is that many Christians lose this sense of overwhelming gratitude over the years, so how can a such thankfulness be recaptured?
- Why are some Christians not able to take the long road required in Christianity? Why do they give up or leave the church?

Galatians 6:7-8

7Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

- God takes His time to teach us His Word. Think about how long you have been a Christian and discuss the process for you personally. (where are you currently in your walk /understanding)
- Is it safe to say everyone desires a good harvest? So why would anyone plant a bad seed? Do we always recognize a bad seed?

James 1:2-4

2My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,3knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.4But let patience have it's perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing

- How much patience do we have sometimes with God? How many of us have tried to get ahead of God when we want something? Example?
- What is the difference between testing and tempting? What is your biggest struggle when enduring the testing from God?

- Foster the conditions that produce health and not fruit. What does that look like? Look introspectively and confront what your walk is like or not like with Christ. Share? Can we pray about it?

Ephesians 3: 20

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us,** to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

- Do you ever get discouraged when you pray and pray but don't seem to get the answer you want? Why are we so impatient with God?
- If we have the same power within us as Christ has, why do we doubt what God can do in our lives?

Use the power that God has given you as His adopted son and daughter! Maintain a healthy environment of spiritual wellness!