

Rooted: Rooted Celebration

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I love the rooted analogy

To put down roots into God

So that we can be strong and secure

To face the storms of life

But the point of roots is fruit

A plant puts roots down deep

So that it can produce leaves and berries and fruit

The roots aren't the point

The roots are the pathway

I know lots of us have enjoyed getting our roots healthy

Allow those roots to be the pathway for spiritual significance

We're going into a season of spiritual distraction

There'll be lots of travel

And lots of events

And lots of shopping

And lots of busy

So I'm not asking you to do anything now

What I'm asking is that you commit now

To take a step later

We'll be in 2022 in less than six weeks

Let me let that sink in

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years

Will all be over in *less than* six weeks

So in 2022, take a step spiritually

Around here, we say that following Jesus looks like this:

Find Family

Know God

Discover your purpose & make an Impact

So coming out of Rooted

Take a step, spiritually, in one or more of these steps:

You need a spiritual family

If you have been in a Rooted group this fall

Make being in a group a priority in the spring

Stay in your current group

Or find a different one

But you need family

If you were not in a Rooted Group this fall

Commit to joining one in the spring

You need family

Take a step in your relationship with God

If you have doubts or questions that keep you from committing to Him

Commit to getting answers this spring

I will clear a chunk of my schedule for you

If you want to have that conversation

If you are already committed to God

Up your game on making that a priority

Commit to making Sunday mornings a priority for your family

Or commit to spending a few moments with God each day

Prioritize... knowing... God

Take a step in making an impact

If you don't know what to do

Commit to going through LifeTrack in 2022

If you feel like you know your purpose

Commit to developing that calling in 2022

If you've been serving but feel God nudging you to do more

Talk with leaders in your ministry

About how to make a greater impact there

OK – now let me tell you what's getting ready to happen

I'm going to pray for us

Asking God to help us

Make a commitment we'll remember come January

And then the band is going to lead us

In a song of commitment to God

{And then we're going to celebrate a baptism together}

And then you're going to get a little treat

When you get to the lobby