

Rooted - Feb 28th - A Life Built on Jesus - Troy Knight

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures:

Colossians 2:6-10 NLT

Proverbs 24:3-4 NIV

Psalms 14:1

Start reading

Colossians 2:6-10 NLT

6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.

7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. **8** Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.

9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. **10** So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Proverbs 24:3-4 NIV

3 By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; **4** through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (NIV)

Psalms 14:1

Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

Start **talking**. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's one of the most important decisions you've made in the last 5 years? Did you make the right or wrong decision? Was it a decision you could recover from?

Start **thinking**. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- **Read Colossians 2:6-7.** Paul gives 2 analogies for growing in Christ. Which one do you relate to more and what does that look like in your life?
- **Read Colossians 7 again.** According to this verse, what is the result of being rooted in Christ or building your life on Christ? How have you experienced that personally?
- **Read Colossians 2:8-10.** Have you ever believed empty philosophies or high-sounding nonsense? Give an example of a time when this occurred. How did this affect the way you lived your life? How did you come to realize it was nonsense?
- Troy gave 2 examples of philosophies or belief systems that cause people to build a faulty foundation: false beliefs about the origin of the world and false beliefs about the resurrection of Jesus. How can getting those beliefs wrong affect the course of your life?
- Discuss the following statements: All knowledge is God's knowledge; All history is his-story.

Start **sharing**. Choose a question to create openness.

- **Read Proverbs 24:3-4.** What are you doing to build a spiritual dream house? How do we protect ourselves from building with faulty beliefs?
- If you haven't experienced being rooted in or building your life on Christ, what is standing in your way? Why?
- What would you say has been the strongest influence on your life and beliefs? Has that influence proven to be 100% correct in all situations? If not, can you find a pattern in the failures? What steps do you believe you should take as a result?

Start **doing**. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Based on the knowledge we received Sunday about living a life built on Jesus, commit to begin seeing God in everything and build your life on the foundation of Jesus.

Start **praying**. Be bold and pray with power.

- Jesus, help me to grow and be rooted in you. My desire is to grow strong with you as my foundation. Help me not to be swayed by the mindsets of the world, but to keep my eyes fixed on You. - Amen

Start **digging**. For further study.

- Read the 2nd page and discuss it.

Question: "What is a Christian worldview?"

Answer: A "worldview" refers to a comprehensive conception of the world from a specific standpoint. A "Christian worldview," then, is a comprehensive conception of the world from a Christian standpoint. An individual's worldview is his "big picture," a harmony of all his beliefs about the world. It is his way of understanding reality. One's worldview is the basis for making daily decisions and is therefore extremely important.

An apple sitting on a table is seen by several people. A botanist looking at the apple classifies it. An artist sees a still-life and draws it. A grocer sees an asset and inventories it. A child sees lunch and eats it. How we look at any situation is influenced by how we look at the world at large. Every worldview, Christian and non-Christian, deals with at least these three questions:

- 1) Where did we come from? (and why are we here?)
- 2) What is wrong with the world?
- 3) How can we fix it?

A prevalent worldview today is naturalism, which answers the three questions like this: 1) We are the product of random acts of nature with no real purpose. 2) We do not respect nature as we should. 3) We can save the world through ecology and conservation. A naturalistic worldview generates many related philosophies such as moral relativism, existentialism, pragmatism, and utopianism.

A Christian worldview, on the other hand, answers the three questions biblically: 1) We are God's creation, designed to govern the world and fellowship with Him (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:15). 2) We sinned against God and subjected the whole world to a curse (Genesis 3). 3) God Himself has redeemed the world through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ (Genesis 3:15; Luke 19:10), and will one day restore creation to its former perfect state (Isaiah 65:17-25). A Christian worldview leads us to believe in moral absolutes, miracles, human dignity, and the possibility of redemption.

It is important to remember that a worldview is comprehensive. It affects every area of life, from money to morality, from politics to art. True Christianity is more than a set of ideas to use at church. Christianity as taught in the Bible is itself a worldview. The Bible never distinguishes between a "religious" and a "secular" life; the Christian life is the only life there is. Jesus proclaimed Himself "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6) and, in doing so, became our worldview.