

Week 18 | Church

What should I do now?

We have covered a lot of ground together in this Rooted Series. And you may be asking, “Now What?” Well, first and foremost, make sure you are p_____ of the family of God.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23...

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

The only way to become a true follower of Jesus, and therefore part of the body of Christ, is to repent of sin and place your faith in the work of Jesus, His death and resurrection.

So the greatest application of this Rooted Series is to make sure you are part of the family of God. And secondly, make sure you are p_____ into the family of God.

It’s a commandment from God to be involved with fellow believers on mission with Jesus. Make sure you’re fully e_____ with the family of God.

1 Corinthians 12 says that each of us have a part to play. The body isn’t effective when parts of it aren’t p_____.

1 Corinthians 12:7 says, *“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”* When you gave your life to Christ, you were baptized into the body of Christ and the Holy Spirit gifted you with spiritual gifts to effectively serve church.

Life's busy and you probably have a lot of responsibilities. But making the sacrifice to serve, to get plugged into very real, Christ-centered relationships, will _____ your spiritual journey.

The life mission of the Apostle Paul...

"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:24

The call of discipleship, according to Jesus, is to _____ to self and to take up our cross and _____ Him.

Jesus is worthy of living for a purpose higher than ourselves. Our lives, our families, our jobs, are all opportunities to bring glory to God and reveal the depth of God's love for us. A love that caused God to send His only begotten Son to the Cross for our sins.

The Chicken Coop Restaurant had a quote on it's wall by C.T. Studd (a missionary from the 1800's). It sums it all up for us: *"Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."*



Whole Group Discussion

How does it make you feel when you read Matthew 7:21-23? Is there someone in your life you fear may be the person described in this passage?

How has the Rooted Series been a source of encouragement to you? What is an application for your life as a result of this course?



Prayer Focus

What could be a possible next step for your journey in Christ? Take time praying about it.