

ROOTED - Week One

Song Suggestion's (Key of A)

O Praise Him - Crowder
My Glorious - Smith
Might to Save - Hillsong
Jesus I Surrender Deyo

Announcements

1. You haven't missed it yet! There is still time to get to youth convention!
Get in forms and money... check with your youth leadership and let us help!
2. We are going to be stocking the shelves of a food bank this year!
What you need to do... get a can (or two) of your favorite food to bring to youth convention!!!! Get it now, and put it in your room and every time you look at it, PRAY for people who are hungry right here in Southern California. Then, bring it with you to convention Friday Night or Saturday Morning! Be a blessing with your food and your prayers!
3. Check your Bulletins for more information!

Game

What you need:

**2 packs, (Med or Large) McDonalds French Fries
Roll of parchment paper (or wax paper or something like that)**

Players

Group A – This can easily be one person or three... if you get creative you could use more... like each person gets one fry?

Group B - This can easily be one person, or three... if you get creative you could use more... like each person gets one fry?

Game Play

Let's get things started with our favorite roots... the French fry!

This game is simple; (GROUP A) and (GROUP B) are given one Minute to make the French fries look like roots. (Lay the roots out on the parchment paper so it's not on the carpet or some table.)

At the end of one minute, there will be two root systems. One designed by GROUP A and one designed by GROUP B.

At the end of the minute both GROUP's stop and trade places.

GROUP A is now looking at GROUP B's roots and vice versa.

Now, 30 Seconds, Which team is able to devour the bigger majority of the root system. Winners get a soda! Losers get to keep the rest of the French fries.

Offering

God, we are so thankful that you have given each of us the ability to give something. Now, we give back to you a portion of what you have given us! May this always be a reminder that our lives are first and foremost about honoring you and bringing you glory.

Sermon Notes

SERMON KEY –

Anything in Italics is a guide... feel free to flavor the italic with your own personal stories... that's what students really like!

Anything Bold is a fill or some typed aspect of the bulletin. You probably shouldn't deviate from this because then things won't match.

INTRO

Your roots reach back into your history... they say something about where you are from. Like if you have a southern accent a cowboy hat, or maybe a sideways hat and dress all hip hop. Or maybe you have a cowboy hat and dress all hip hop... roots can be confusing! Just like the regular roots of tree, our lives have roots that go different directions. One is the roots of our school and one is the roots of our family and one is the root of friends and one is the root of where we have fun. Tonight I want to focus on the root that I hope is the thickest of all roots. The Christian root. We throw around the word "Christian" like it's just a word, but at one time it really meant something important... so important that if you were identified as one, it was likely a death sentence. To see where this Christian thing started turn to ACTS 11:25...

ROOTED - IDENTITY

²⁵ Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. ²⁶ When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)

We are --CHRISTIANS --!

The early Christians we read about in Acts are our roots! Lets look at what made them different,

They -- Recognized -- Christ as their one and only Lord and Savior.

¹⁹ Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. ²⁰ Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. Acts 3:19-20 NLT

You know what its like when you recognize someone at the store, that moment when it hits you that you know that person? – That is how the early church views Jesus... except its not a guy at the store, its God!

They continually –Dwelt– on his name, learning to become like Him.

³³ The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. **Acts 4:22 NLT**

What practical steps are you taking to dwell on God's name?

(Seriously, I would ask this... I like sermons with audience participation.... And here is what I hope for, answers like....

Pray, Read my Bible, Go to Church, Listen to sermons....

And then I say, GOOD! – Now that we are done with all the right Christian answers, lets try some others....

When do you get alone with God... just the two of you?

(Or is that 4 or you???? Ha ha funny trinity jokes)

Do you make a habit of comforting others?

How are you able to allow your outlook on life to inspire others to worship God?)

They -- GLORIFIED --the name, the actions and the person of Jesus.

⁴² And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah." **Acts 5:42 NLT**

If possible, here I would share a personal story... about a time when you didn't want to go to church, when you struggled to believe... when you felt lost in your walk, BUT because you instead DID GO and DID worship and glorify God, He was faithful to meet you and bless you! And because of that, you will continue everyday to preach and teach that Jesus is the Messiah!

- - - **THE CLOSING** - - -

(((This last part is a fun closer.... The point doesn't need a lot of explanation, but it is a great set up for those who don't know if they are citizens of heaven... make the choice tonight!))))

Our Root identity, as Christian People, is not only something true of our past, it is also true for our future.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, **Ephesians 2:19 NLT**

²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Philippians 3:20-21

We are citizens of – HEAVEN-- !