

## Rooted in Christ

### Key Scriptures

*Colossians 2:2 My goal is that their hearts, having been knit together in love, may be encouraged, and that they may have all the riches that assurance brings in their understanding of the knowledge of the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this so that no one will deceive you through arguments that sound reasonable. 5 For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.*

*6 Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and firm in your faith just as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. 8 Be careful not to allow anyone to captivate you through an empty, deceitful philosophy that is according to human traditions and the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

### Key Point

*Our lives need to be rooted in Christ and not in anything else.*

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Do you have any mottos that help guide you in life? Things like “Haste makes waste,” “Better safe than sorry,” or “No Regrets.”

**Start thinking.** Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- How can we take phrases like this and center them on Christ? Hint, Christ can help define words like “safe” or “love.”
- (v.2) Why is love and unity of Christians so important?
- (v.3) What does it mean that in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge? How can this keep you from being deceived?
- (v.5-7) How many phrases can you find in these verses that indicate we need to “stay in Christ”?

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

- (v.4) Do you struggle thinking that something that sounds reasonable, that is convincing, can be deceitful?
- (v.8) Is there a way that you have been captivated by a philosophy that is not according to Christ?
- (v.9-10) Is there some worry about the future that you find great comfort in knowing Christ has authority over all rulers and all authorities?
- (v.14) Is there something in your life that you find great comfort in knowing it has been nailed to the cross?

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

- This week, share with someone outside of this group how a motto or wise phrase can be centered on Christ.

**Prayer Requests.** It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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