

Weekend Message Questions
Series: Family Tree – Our Roots
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Check-In

- How has your week been? Any updates or prayer requests to share with the group?
- Is there a story from your family's past that has shaped who you are today?

Discuss

Opening Thought:

- Think about your family's story—what are some “roots” that have shaped your identity? How do you see God working through real people and real stories, even when they're messy or unexpected?

Read: Colossians 2:6–7

- What stands out to you about Paul's encouragement to “let your roots grow down into him”? How does this relate to your own faith journey?
- In what ways do you see your life being “built on him”? Are there areas where you feel your roots are strong, or places where you want them to grow deeper?
- Paul says that strong roots in Christ lead to overflowing thankfulness. Can you share a time when gratitude grew out of your faith, even in a difficult season?

Read: Matthew 1:1–16 (as best as possible)

- Jesus' family tree includes both heroes and disasters. What does this teach us about how God works through imperfect people and stories?
- How does knowing the story of Jesus' ancestors help you understand your own story and God's faithfulness across generations?
- Psalm 78:4 says, “We will not hide them from their children, but will declare to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord...” How can sharing our stories help others see God's work?

Dig Deeper

- Roots give us identity, stability, gratitude, and a place to belong. Which of these aspects do you find most meaningful or challenging right now? Why?
- Psalm 1:3 describes those who delight in God’s word as “trees planted along the riverbank.” What helps you stay rooted when life gets shaky?
- Hebrews 12:1 talks about running the race with endurance, surrounded by a “crowd of witnesses.” Who are some people—past or present—whose faith has helped you stay strong?
- Hope Fellowship’s story is built on generations of faithfulness in small things. How can you contribute to the ongoing story of hope in your community?

Reflect

- Where do you sense God inviting you to let your roots grow deeper in Him?
- What is one practical way you can “continue to follow him” this week?
- How can your group pray for you as you seek to live out a Jesus-centered story?
- Take a few moments to pray together before closing.

Can you use prayer? <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>