



WORD OF THE YEAR 2022

ROOTED

Rooted in Community

Pastor Chris Torres

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meaning together as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

HEBREWS 10:24-25 NLT

Hebrew's Audience:

1. They were Hellenistic.
2. They were Intelligent.

"In fact, though, by this time you ought to be teachers. You need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food now."

HEBREWS 5:12 NIV

3. They were suffering.

"Remember those early days after you had received a light when you had endured a great conflict full of suffering? Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution. At other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated."

HEBREWS 10:32-33 NIV

"Besides being put to death, they were made to serve as objects of amusement. They were clothed and hides of beast and torn to death by dogs. Others were crucified. Others were set on fire to serve to illuminate the night when the daylight fell."

TACITUS

The Rewards of Rooted Relationships

1 We **M O T I V A T E** one another.

"...Motivate one another to acts of love and good works."

HEBREWS 10:24 NLT

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

HEBREWS 4:12 NLT

When you **R E A D** the word of God, the word of God **R E A D S** you.

"Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage. Truth and courage aren't always comfortable, but they're never weakness."

BRENE BROWN

2 We **S H O W U P** for one another.

"Let us not neglect our meeting together as some people do..."

HEBREWS 10:25 NLT

We tend to choose preference over **P R I N C I P A L**.

Building Friendships

50 hours – Casual Friends

90 hours – Good Friends

200 hours – Best Friends

You won't grow **R O O T S** where you haven't
P L A N T E D.

3 We **E N C O U R A G E** one another.

"...Encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

HEBREWS 10:25 NLT

"Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God."

HEBREWS 12:15 NLT

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why.
- 2 We didn't get to choose our family, but we do get to choose our friends. Think about some of the best friends you ever had. Why did you choose each other?
- 3 How might God be speaking to you about discovering and developing real friends in this particular season of your life? How does this sermon help you find that type of friendship?
- 4 Why do you think many people do not have close friends in their lives?
- 5 How can we be praying for you this week?



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Upcoming Events

- 3.24 | Adult Basketball League
- 3.25 | Worship Night
- 3.30 | Membership Dinner
- 4.01 | Young Married Date Night
- 4.03 | First Day of Venture Registration