

# rooted

sermon notes

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A rooted in Jesus life reaches others through a lifestyle of prayer and intentional influence

1. Prayer is essential to reaching your world

*Colossians 4:2-4*

For the majority of us, prayer is supplemental, not fundamental to our lives

*"When you work, you work, but when you pray, God works."*

Prayer is a behavior that constantly reminds us of our dependence upon God

Prayer somehow matters in the course of events unfolding, but I'm not sure that we can confidently say exactly how

The prayers of Scripture were not safe, "You're-going-to-do-whatever-You're-going-to-do-anyway" types of prayers, but those that asked in "bold humility"

2. "Strategic graciousness" is to be your approach as an intentional influencer

*Colossians 4:5-6*

*Ephesians 5:15-17*

Are you answering questions that people around you aren't asking?

*1 Peter 3:15-16*

3. Reaching your world was meant to be a team effort

*Colossians 4:7-18*

Why would you think that you're intended to reach your world all alone if even Paul didn't?

**Now What?**

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## home group notes

Week of October 28

Rooted #9: Rooted to Reach

Home Groups are a great place to connect with people. See our website at [www.trinityonline.org](http://www.trinityonline.org).



### Share It

Get to know one another

Who modeled grace in your life before or since you knew Christ?



### Study the Word

Questions to help learn from the Bible

Read Colossians 4:2-6.

What are Paul's (the author) instructions about prayer? (2-4)

What were his requests for himself and friends? What was his purpose? (3-4)

How are we instructed to act toward the 'unconvinced?' (5-6)

How did Paul model 'teaming up' (rather than alone) to reach our worlds? (2-18)

Summarize what we learn about being an intentional influence in our worlds?



### Discuss Together

Conversations about application

How is prayer connected with being an intentional influence for Christ? Why do we struggle with devoting ourselves to prayer for this purpose? What helps you?

What specific things can we do to 'team up' to reach our worlds for Christ? How are we doing at this?

What do you read here that could help you personally to reach out in your world?



### Pray

Suggestions for this week

- Share and pray for one another as influencers in your worlds. Pray for people in your world by name.
- Pray for the discipleship of Middle and High School students.
- Pray for our nation including how we serve our veterans.



### Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Pray through your week. Trust God to open doors to love, serve, and connect.