**Rooted: Growing Deep, Going Wide**

***Being In and Sharing the Word***

A Well Warranted Assumption – The Bible is God’s Word

**Why Is Being Rooted in the Word is essential to being a Disciple of Jesus?**

* **It Allows Us to Spend Time with God**

*I will meditate on your precepts and think about your ways*. Psalm 119:15

*I am awake through each watch of the night to meditate on your promise*. Psalm 119:148

*How sweet your word is to my taste—sweeter than honey in my mouth*. Psalm 119:103

* **It steers us away from hurts toward what helps**

*How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping your word*. Psalm 119:9

*I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you*. Psalm 119:11

* **It provides us with guidance and direction**

*Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path*. Psalm 119:105

* **It prepares us to share the Truth with others**

*Then I can answer the one who taunts me, for I trust in your word*. Psalm 119:42

*For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures*. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching.* 2 Timothy 4:2

* **It guards us against falsehood**

*I have kept my feet from every evil path to follow your word. I have not turned from your judgments,*

*for you yourself have instructed me*. Psalm 119:101-102

* **It encourages us in difficult times**

*This is my comfort in my affliction: Your promise has given me life.* Psalm 119:50

* **It allows us to be fruitful**

*How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers! Instead, his delight is in the Lord’s instruction, and he meditates on it day and night. He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers*. Psalm 1:1-3

* **It is what fuels our spiritual growth**

*It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.* Matthew 4:4

*Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow up into your salvation*  1 Peter 2:2

“***My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me***”

John 10:27

***“Accept instruction from His mouth and lay up his words in your heart***”

Job 22:22