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“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.

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Colossians 2:6-7

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am _____ **Doors Open**
- 8:45 – 10:00 am _____ **Session 1: Finu Iype**
- 10:00 am _____ **BREAK**
- 10:20 – 10:55 am _____ **Testimony – Trevor Dyck**

11:00 – 12:10 pm _____ **Breakout Sessions**

Staying Pure in an Oversexualized World
- **Sathiya Sam** | **Location: Sanctuary**

How to Reach Men Who Don't Know Jesus
- **Jason Persaud** | **Location: Chapel**

Off-Road Disciplines: How to Spiritually Grow as a Man
- **Andrew Wood** | **Location: Youth Chapel**

Mental Health: Getting to the Heart of the Matter
- **Nick Dookheran** | **Location: North Auditorium**

- 12:10 – 1:25 pm _____ **LUNCH**
- 1:25 – 2:45 pm _____ **Session 2: Dustin Boreland**
- 2:35 – 3:05 pm _____ **BREAK**
- 3:05 – 4:00 pm _____ **Session 3: Dwayne Cline**



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SESSION ONE



FINU IYPE

Finu Iype served as founder and president of Passion to Reach Ministries, a global mission, evangelism, and church development ministry, for the past 15 years. Finu has worldwide speaking ministry experience having spoken at Pastor's conferences, mass evangelism campaigns, and leadership development events across more than 20 nations.

In the Greater Toronto Area, Finu's ministry has involved coaching Pastors and consulting on church revitalization, with a focus on community outreach and discipleship systems. He also leads annual gospel training events like GO Conference, GO United YA Conference, and GO Lead Pastor workshops. He holds a Bachelor of Theology Degree.

Finu is married to Tresha and together they have two young daughters, Lauren and Catherine.

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LUNCH

12:10 - 1:25 pm

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SESSION TWO



DUSTIN BORELAND

Dustin Boreland serves as a pastor at Springvale Baptist in Stouffville, Ontario and is currently completing his Doctorate of Practical Theology at McMaster Divinity College in post-Christendom studies.

After several years in Montreal where he planted and revitalized a church, Dustin and his family returned to Ontario in 2022. Before moving to Montreal, Dustin and his wife Racquel served as foster parents to more than 15 teenage boys and worked as church planters.

Dustin is passionate about the intersection of the Gospel and culture, equipping the local church for mission, and can be found overindulging on coffee, hip hop, and spicy chicken sandwiches.

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DWAYNE CLINE

Dwayne Cline was the lead pastor of James North Baptist Church (JNBC) in Hamilton for 28 years. When he arrived at the church in 1995, the North End was the 3rd poorest community in Canada. JNBC offers a variety of ministries in the neighborhood, caring for over 400 unchurched individuals and families every week. JNBC recently built a church facility with 45 apartments for those needing supportive and affordable housing. The Lord established both a Portuguese-speaking congregation and a Karen congregation (refugees from Burma).

Dwayne is currently chairing both The Gospel Coalition Canada as well as Churches Together Canada. He is now helping churches and organizations in the areas of governance, strategic planning, fundraising, and team building.

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STUDY GUIDE

SESSION ONE: ROOTED IN CHRIST

Read: Colossians 2:6-7; John 15:4-5

We often marvel at a large tree's size and shape. It is majestic-looking, stretching high up into the sky, spreading out its foliage, and fascinating us with the physics of how something so relatively skinny could grow so tall and strong.

The reason why, of course, lies not with the tree but with its roots. The root systems of trees come in all shapes and sizes.

The deepest known root systems extend up to 400 meters. Some large tree roots, like the famous Redwood trees of the west coast of North America, only extend 10-13 feet vertically into the ground. However, they spread 60 to 80 feet horizontally under the ground, intertwining with other Redwood roots for stability.

The larger the tree, the more significant the roots. Whatever the depth of a root system, the purpose remains the same: The roots supply the necessary nutrients for the tree and support and strengthen the growth of the canopy above ground.

Our faith lives must consist of more than just what is visible above the ground. How often have we seen individuals publicly claim to hold Christian values and beliefs yet live with deep, dark secrets or dual lives that look nothing like Christ? The visible things above the surface, in fact, can be manufactured and manipulated.

SESSION ONE: ROOTED IN CHRIST

The imagery here is clear. The deeper work of healthy spirituality, emotions, and relationships is foundational to all we are called to be as followers of Christ. It is tempting to reverse this truth by emphasizing our image, influence, and platform more than taking time to do the deep work of character development and spiritual formation. The deeper work takes time and is often produced through solitude, humility, perseverance, and even through the painful moments of our lives.

We are to be men who are rooted in Christ. He is the source of our life, strength, and stability. Part of our spiritual journey is to learn how to strengthen and deepen those roots so that the “tree” of our lives will be healthy and thriving in every area. By being willing to take the time and invest in our own spiritual “root system,” we are investing in the future fruit of our spiritual life and in the blessing that comes from connecting and communing with Jesus.

When the storms of life come, and they will, being rooted and grounded is paramount for stability and resilience. Roots may not be glamorous, but they are essential. Strong and healthy roots lead to strong and healthy life for the tree, and so the investment is well worth it.

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.** How would you presently describe your “rootedness” to Jesus? Why would you describe it that way?
- 2.** What activities/practices have you used in order to strengthen your connection to Christ? What do you do in your life to feel closest to Him?
- 3.** Why is being rooted in Christ so important? What good fruit have you seen when your roots are strong? What bad fruit have you seen when they are not?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1.** What are some things you do, starting now, in order to strengthen your rootedness in Christ?
- 2.** How might you support others in your life, helping them strengthen their spiritual roots?

SESSION TWO: ROOTED IN TRUTH

**Read: Colossians 2:6-7; Joshua 1:6-9; John 17:17;
Romans 12:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:15-16**

Do you guys remember the COVID-19 pandemic? You know—that multi-year hugely disruptive and divisive thing that happened pretty recently? We are not looking to reignite anything about the division of that time, so rest easy.

But, with the benefit of hindsight and some distance from those events, we want to reflect on the season for a moment.

Do you remember how hard it was to determine what the “truth” was back then?

Politicians said different and conflicting things. Pastors said different and conflicting things. Media outlets said different and conflicting things. Social media said different and conflicting things.

Everyone was claiming “truth,” but how could we tell?

All that most people knew was that we had the truth, and the other side was duped.

With that conviction, we very easily looked down on people on “the other side,” whether they were politicians and leaders we disagreed with, people on social media, or, sadly, even people in our own churches.

SESSION TWO: ROOTED IN TRUTH

Truth is crucial. Jesus called Himself “the truth” (John 14:6); He called God’s Word “truth” (John 17:17), and He told us that after He left, “the Spirit of truth” would come and live within us (John 16:13).

The pursuit of truth is a crucial pursuit for any Christ-follower. Yet how do we stay rooted in truth in an age where the world celebrates “my truth” and “your truth” instead of simply “the truth”? What are we filling our minds with, and how are we deciding which voices around us are trustworthy and worthy of listening to?

Undoubtedly, much of what people claim is “the truth” is actually just an opinion or interpretation. But we do believe truth is real. So, how do we go deeper in our pursuit?

How can we be men who passionately pursue truth in a way that looks holy and different than the rest of the world?

When we find this way, we are men of integrity, seeking and speaking truth in a world that desperately needs to hear it, no doubt pleasing the Father as we do so.

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.** How do we determine what God's truth is? How do Jesus Himself, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit each guide us into truth? How do we apply God's truth to modern or particular issues that the Bible doesn't specifically speak to (like what we should watch on TV, or who to vote for, for example)?
- 2.** How can we tell what is "true" when two groups of Christians who both revere the Bible come to different conclusions on what Scripture means (e.g., some say the spiritual gifts are still active in the Church today, and others believe they ceased with the apostles)? How can we act towards those on "the other side" of these discussions?
- 3.** When it comes to our opinions on divisive cultural issues (e.g., elections, vaccines, which media to follow, which experts to listen to, etc.), how are we determining which voices are "true"? How should we decide which are true?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1.** How much time do you spend consuming media/social media/entertainment each day vs. how much time do you spend consuming God's truth? What is the fruit of your consumption? In what ways could it be healthier?
- 2.** How can we communicate God's truth to an outside world that often has no interest in it?



SESSION THREE: ROOTED IN JUSTICE

**Read: Colossians 2:6-7; Micah 6:8;
Colossians 3:12-15; Proverbs 31:8-9**

We know that in every story, the bad guy is supposed to get it in the end.

The villain needs to be dealt with. Whether through jail, pain, or other consequences, the antagonist will surely have justice served by the end of the story.

Once in a while, this doesn't happen, and the bad guy gets away. But this is rare—and it leaves us feeling unsettled, doesn't it? It's not the way things are supposed to be.

That really is the heart of biblical justice. It is the setting right of wrongs. Like the classic symbol in a courthouse, the scales are balanced again, and evil is set right.

In our story, we know that God will deal with those who deserve it and that, ultimately, even Satan himself will receive justice in the end (Revelation 20:7-10).

SESSION THREE: ROOTED IN JUSTICE

But there is more to “justice” than just punishment for people who do bad things. Justice certainly includes that, but the word is far more wide-reaching from God’s perspective.

It also includes restoring what is right to those who have been wronged—not just by bad guys but by life’s circumstances.

For the poor, the oppressed, the outcasts, the victims—for those who have done nothing wrong but have found themselves lacking money, dignity, rights, and blessings, God’s Word consistently calls us to care for these people personally and actively be part of the solution to make things right for them.

We are to move beyond simply offering “thoughts and prayers” (as much as we value prayer!) and step up into action. We are called to serve, and to sacrifice, to give, and to lift up, to encourage, and to protect.

We step up for those who need help to step up themselves. We give a voice to the voiceless, share our power with the powerless, and provide our resources to those in need, whatever the need may be.

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.** When you hear the term “justice,” what thoughts initially come to mind? Why is defining “justice” in our culture so challenging?
- 2.** What is your definition of biblical justice? Why do you define it that way?
- 3.** What key ways have you seen God bring justice to a wrongdoer? On the other side, what are some key ways you have seen God restore something to someone in need?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1.** In what ways does your character need to become more “just”? What might contribute to it moving in that direction?
- 2.** When you look at your city, region, or neighborhood, what is one area in which you can take a step of action to partner with God in order to see His justice come to the world?

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