

# Roots

## **Week 5: Go Want Fruit? Grow Roots!**

**Weekly Summary:** In an age where fewer and fewer people know even the basics of Christianity, the mission of the Church is urgent. No wonder Jesus spoke with urgency as he gave his followers their mission before his return to heaven. This message explores the outward-focused mission God has given to Christians today.

❖ GO! = Go into the world sharing the Good News.

❖ Matthew 28:19 - "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." ~ Jesus

❖ The Unique Fruit from the "Go" Root...

1. God produces eternal life in someone else through your witness.
2. God produces what matters most for you as you cross the finish line of life.
3. God produces a greater need for the other G's. (What could be better than that!?)
4. God produces the joy of knowing Christ's sufferings.

❖ Matthew 10:32 - "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven." ~ Jesus

### Points to Ponder

1. Sometimes Christians bring up the Doctrine of Election when the topic of witnessing comes up. Christians have the comfort of knowing that in the end, not one of God's elect will be lost. How does the devil turn this truth into a sinful temptation for us when it comes to the command to "Go!?" How is this truth an incredible blessing after we do "Go!?"

2. In the hymn "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying" (573 CW), a song about "Go," we sing, "Let none hear you idly saying, 'There is nothing I can do.'" What ways – subtle or not – do Christians "Go" and share the good news? What ways do you "Go" in your life already? What ways could you improve?

### **Homework For Next Week: Ephesians 2:1-10**

*"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God."  
~ The Apostle Paul*

### **Worship Through Song at The CORE:**

1. "Thrive" - by Casting Crowns
2. "God Of This City" - by Chris Tomlin
3. "Build Your Kingdom Here" - by Rend Collective Experiment