



"Deep Roots, Full Hearts, Can't Lose." - April 26, 2026

Sermon by Pastor Bryan Wilkerson

Group Leader Notes

This Sunday, Pastor Bryan brings us a sermon centered on the Epistle to the Colossians 2:6–7, exploring what it means to keep Jesus at the center of our lives over the long haul, especially through changing seasons and challenges. Pastor Bryan explains how life circumstances and cultural “false narratives” like materialism, self-centeredness, and tribalism can subtly pull us off-center, making Christ just one part of life instead of the foundation of everything. Using vivid images—a deeply rooted tree, an overflowing heart of gratitude, and the victory of the empty cross—Pastor Bryan encouraged everyone to continually re-center on Jesus through spiritual practices, with thankfulness, and to trust in Jesus’ finished work, so we can experience God’s presence in every season.

Main Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6–7

Group Discussion

Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

1. **The sermon took a close look at Colossians 2:6–7 and the idea of “continuing” to live in Christ.** What does it practically look like in your daily life to *continually* center yourself on Jesus rather than just doing it once?
2. **Pastor Bryan shared about the seasons of life (like transitions, stress, or hardship) that can “decenter” us.** Can you share a time when you felt spiritually off-center? What contributed to that, and what helped (or could have helped) you recenter?
3. **Bryan mentioned Several “false narratives” —like materialism, self-centeredness, and tribalism.** Which of these do you see most influencing your life or culture right now, and how can they subtly pull your focus away from Jesus?
4. **The sermon used three images of a Christ-centered life: a deeply rooted tree, an overflowing fountain, and the empty cross.** Which of these images resonates most with you right now, and why?

5. The phrase “Christ becomes one of many things rather than the center of everything” was a **key warning**. What are some practical ways you can keep Jesus at the center of your work, relationships, and everyday decisions this week?

Let's Pray

<https://youtu.be/1OvtdMoHv6k?si=JSgfWr24ZPkK61s8>

