

Questions:

1. What is your favorite zero-\$ activity?
2. What is the biggest take-away you had from the amazing way God made Sequoia Redwoods to be?
3. Read Revelations 22:1,2. Please tell how you think you can, or how God is challenging you to, become more like the trees mentioned in this passage.
4. What concrete step(s) will you take, by the New Year, to increase your level of connectedness & grow your roots at The Ark?

Connections Pt. 1 - Roots of Relationship

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Bible Roots

Psalm 80:8–9 NKJV

Isaiah 37:31 NKJV

Isaiah 61:3 NKJV

Mark 4:14–17 NKJV

The Mighty Redwood

Something that huge must have an incredible root system that goes down deep in order to stand that tall. Not the case at all.

The sequoia redwood trees have a unique _____ that is a marvel, compared to their mammoth size.

Their roots are relatively shallow. There is no tap root to anchor them deep into the earth. The roots actually only go down 6-12 feet, and yet, these trees _____ over. They withstand strong winds, earthquakes, fires, storms, and prolonged flooding. How can something up to 500 tons, reaching over 350 feet in height, and live for many centuries remain standing with roots only going down about 10 feet?

The interesting thing about the redwood tree is that their root system extends out up to 100 feet in diameter & is _____ with the other redwood trees, literally _____ each other up. The trees grow very close together and are _____ on each other for _____, as well. Only redwoods have the strength and ability to support other redwoods.

There is an _____ that takes place between the roots of various trees and the relationship is _____.

Many modern Christians feel that they _____ need Jesus - but the Bible doesn't _____ support that feeling.

The Bible gives imagery of Christians as:

1. Specific _____ of the Body (1 Corinthians 12:18-27)
2. Living Stones in a Spiritual _____ (1 Peter 2:5)
3. _____ of the End Harvest (Matthew 13:39)
4. Growing and Working _____ of the Body (Ephesians 4:15,16)
5. Part of the _____ of God & _____ with Jesus (Romans 8:17)

People like this are at risk of becoming “_____” who aren't rooted and connected.

OTHER people _____ you and _____ roots!

Some people never grow roots because they want things _____ WAY more than they want to be _____.

Lack of connectedness leads to great _____ and greater possibility of _____.

Just One Thing:

You are made for connection! Determine to _____ more _____ & meaningfully with other members as Connect Groups begin.

Bonus: Take a step of connection this week and actually get outside of yourself and do something _____ wants to do!!!