

**Introduction: “The key to fruit is in the root.”****Roots:**

1. Anchor the tree in soil, keeping it straight and stable, and absorb water from the soil. Roots also take nutrients and chemicals out of the soil and use them to produce what they need for the tree’s growth, development, and repair.
2. Eighty percent of all roots occur in the top 12-36 inches of the soil. In sandy, well drained soils some trees such as oaks and pines develop deep roots, directly beneath the trunk. These are commonly called taproots but are actually deeper roots that help anchor the tree. Most trees never develop taproots, especially when the water table is close to the surface or when the soil is compacted.
3. Over time, given the right conditions, roots can crack foundations, snap water lines, and lift sidewalks.

**Part 1 – The Mysterious Seed** - Your response to the Word will determine your relationship to the Lord.

**Part 2 – Enrich Your Soil** - The power is in the seed (Word); the secret is in the soil.

**Part 3 – Balance Your Ecosystem** - The greatest seed in the greatest soil cannot grow in the wrong environment.

**Summary** - Prayer becomes a **delight** instead of a **duty** when you see God for who He really is.

**The Issue** - Our Perception (Psalm 103)

**Application / Discussion Questions:**

1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rank your prayer life? Why?
2. Do you tend to be a Martha or a Mary in your spiritual orientation? Explain.
3. What was your major “take away” from this message?
4. When and where will you block off time to enjoy and be loved by the “How Much More” God this week?
5. In what circumstance or relationship do you feel “desperately dependant” right now?