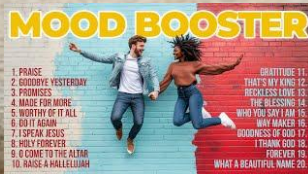


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Week One

** Keep in mind you're viewing these slides minus the teaching and dialogue that takes place during our time together. This serves as recap only **



"Purpose in the Planting"

Psalm 1:3 The Voice

GET ROOTED series...

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY IS TO:

Take an in-depth look into this new conference year's theme "*Get Rooted*" by exploring the underground makeup of a tree.

It is to further understand how the functioning of roots, including production and growth, is synonymous to who we are in God and His purpose for the places in which we as Christian believers are planted.

These discussions will include scriptural references and additional biblical perspectives.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT OUR SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

WHO DOES GOD SAY THAT I AM...

You are like a tree,
planted by flowing, cool streams of water that
never run dry.

Your fruit ripens in its time;
your leaves never fade or curl in the summer sun.
No matter what you do, you prosper.

PSALM 1:3
The Voice

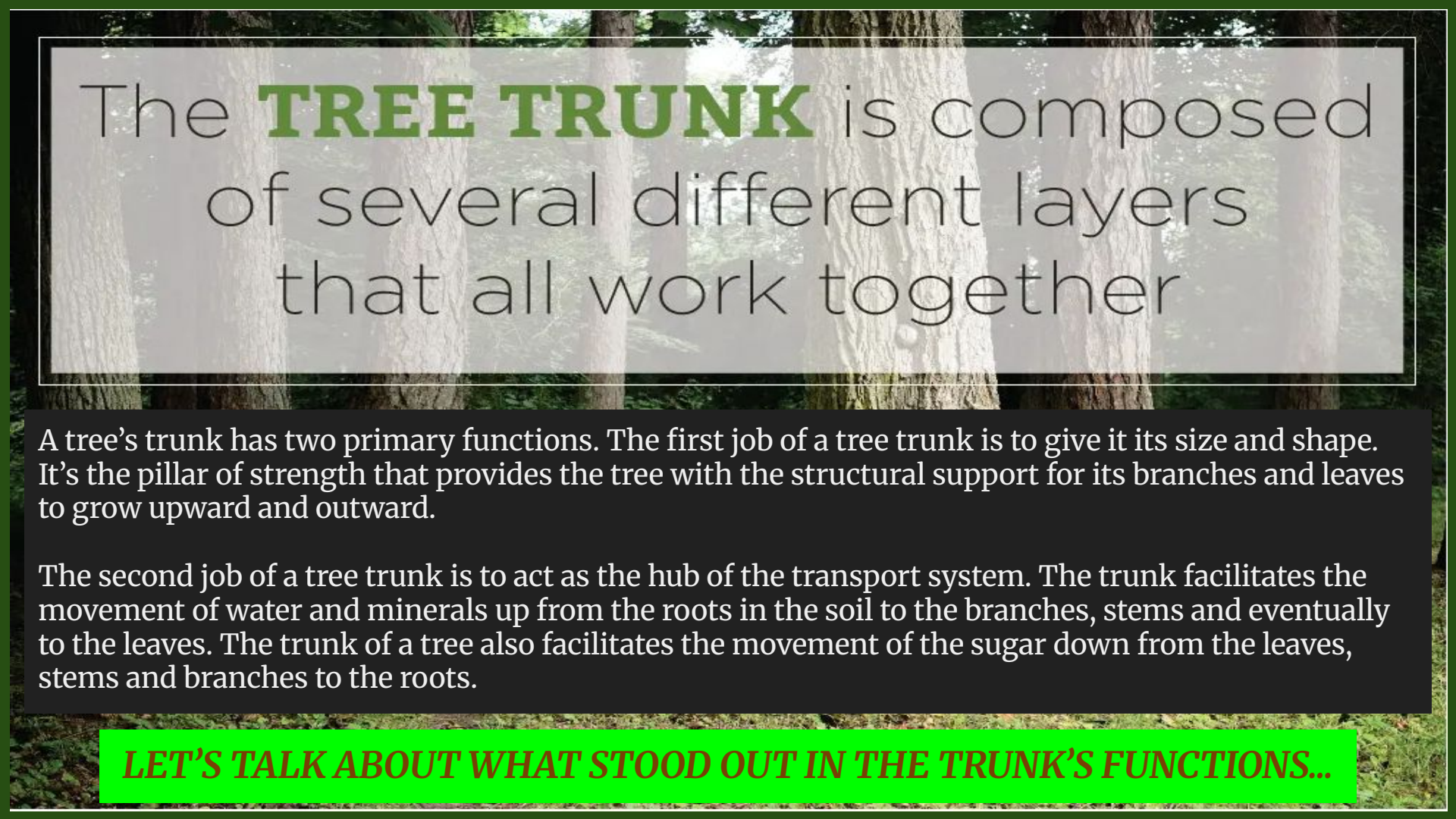


Isn't it wonderful to know this is how God sees you?

3 MAIN PARTS TO A TREE

- **CROWN:** *the top part, consisting of branches and leaves, which make food through the process of converting light energy into chemical energy.*
- **TRUNK:** *the central stem that supports the crown and transports water and nutrients.*
- **ROOTS:** *positioned below ground, anchoring the tree, absorbing water and minerals, and storing food.*

LET'S TAKE A DEEPER LOOK INTO THESE AREAS...

The background of the entire slide is a photograph of a forest. Several tree trunks are visible, with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a dappled light effect. The trunks are light brown and have a rough, textured bark.

The **TREE TRUNK** is composed of several different layers that all work together

A tree's trunk has two primary functions. The first job of a tree trunk is to give it its size and shape. It's the pillar of strength that provides the tree with the structural support for its branches and leaves to grow upward and outward.

The second job of a tree trunk is to act as the hub of the transport system. The trunk facilitates the movement of water and minerals up from the roots in the soil to the branches, stems and eventually to the leaves. The trunk of a tree also facilitates the movement of the sugar down from the leaves, stems and branches to the roots.

LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT STOOD OUT IN THE TRUNK'S FUNCTIONS...



**BRANCHES
AND STEMS**
are essential
structural and
transportation
components of
the tree

Tree branches and stems have several functions. They play the role of structural support for the leaves, fruits and flowers that the tree produces. They are also the vessels that carry water from the soil to the leaves, and the food from the leaves to the rest of the tree.

DID ANYTHING GRAB YOUR ATTENTION HERE?

The average
tree consists of
5% LEAVES



Leaves serve multiple functions for a tree's ability to grow and thrive. The most well-known function of tree leaves is to facilitate the process of photosynthesis. This process occurs when the leaves use the energy from the sun to create fuel for the tree.

WHAT WORDS STAND OUT TO YOU IN THE LEAVE'S FUNCTIONS?

ability to grow and thrive, facilitate the process, use the energy, energy from the sun, create fuel

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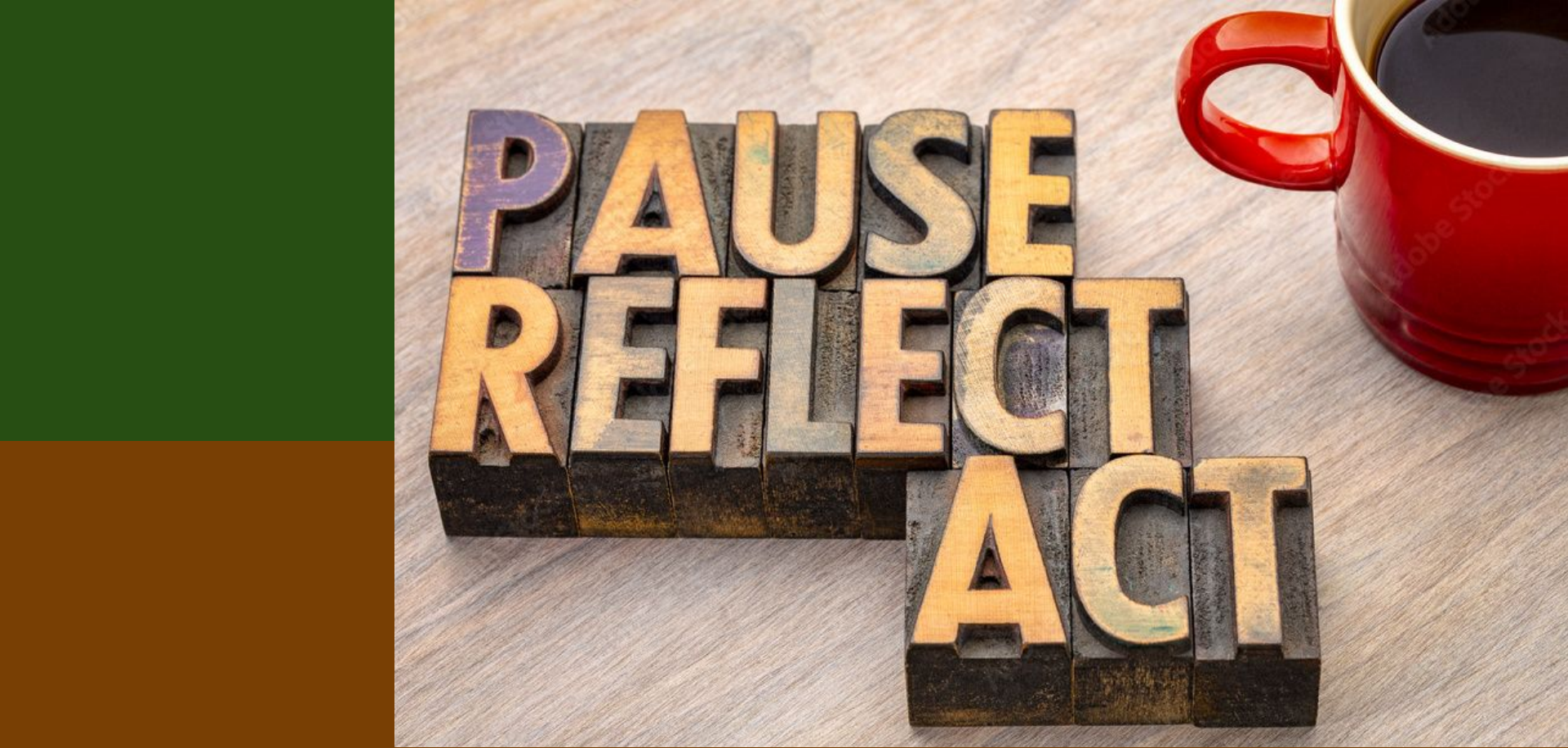
Did this fun fact stand out to anyone
else but me?
If so, what did you gather from it?

Like other main parts of a tree, the roots also serve multiple purposes. Roots help anchor the tree to the ground, which is important as the tree ages and faces harsh elements that threaten its stability. In addition to helping the tree with its structure and growth, roots facilitate oxygen, water and mineral uptake, and they also absorb oxygen, water and minerals from the ground. These absorbing roots then feed into conducting roots, which transport the water and minerals inward toward the trunk.

A photograph showing a network of tree roots exposed on a sandy, brownish ground. The roots are dark brown and gnarled, spreading out in various directions. Some roots are thicker and more prominent, while others are thinner and more delicate. The background is a mix of sand and some sparse, dry vegetation.

OKAY, SO WHAT'CHA GOT?
Let's talk about it!

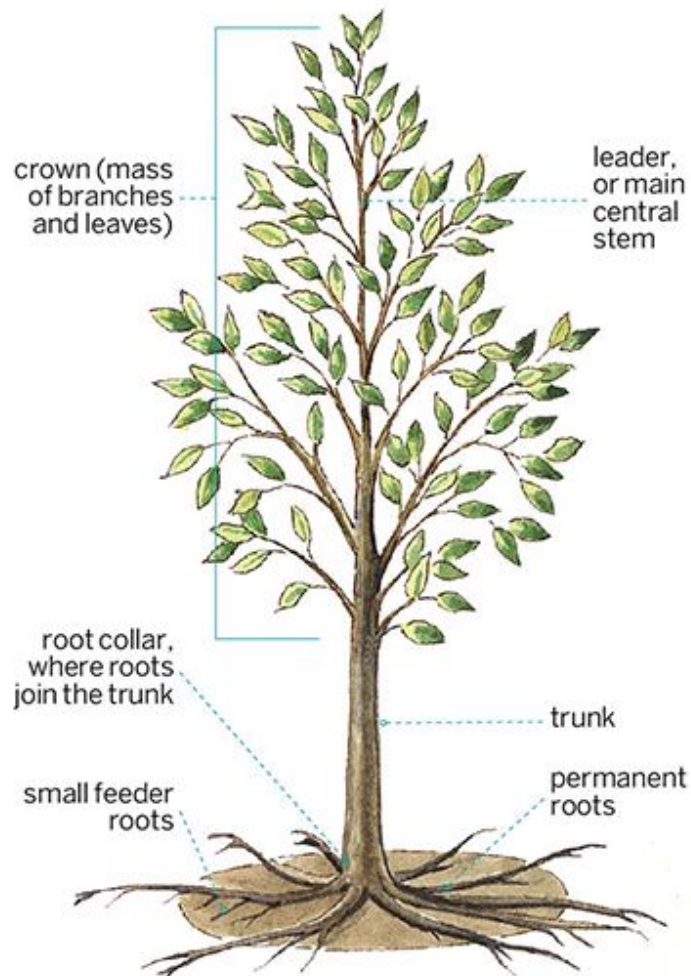
A ROOT SYSTEM CAN GROW AS WIDE AS
THIRTY MILES



PAUSE
REFLECT
ACT

Any Questions, Comments,

HOMework



Due Thurs, October 2nd

There are some keywords that stand out in this imagery that are reflective of Christ and how He has called us to serve in Him.

Read **Psalm 1:3 The Voice** and spend some time in prayer and meditation. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts toward pulling out those keywords to write out how they may be applicable to you.



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