

SERMON NOTES

THE GARDENS OF GOD

Selected Scriptures



BIG IDEA: What was lost in the first garden is restored through the risen Christ.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

When you think of a “garden,” what comes to mind—peace, work, beauty, or something else? Why?

EXPLORE

What do we learn about God’s design for humanity—and what exactly went wrong in the garden? (Genesis 2–3)

What does Jesus’ prayer in the garden reveal about his obedience and the weight of what he was about to accomplish? (Matthew 26:36–46)

Why is it significant that Jesus was buried and raised in a garden, and what does this say about what he came to undo? (John 19:41–20:18)

How does the final “garden-city” fulfill and surpass what was lost in Eden? (Revelation 21–22)

APPLY

Where do you most see the effects of “Eden’s fall” in your own life right now—your desires, relationships, or struggles?

How does seeing Jesus in Gethsemane and the resurrection garden strengthen your confidence that he can truly deal with your sin and restore what is broken?

What aspect of the new heavens and new earth do you most long for—and why?

Where do you need that hope right now—and how does the promise of the eternal garden speak into it?

COMMIT

“This week, I will identify one area where sin has taken root in my life and bring it honestly before the Lord, trusting in Christ’s finished work—not my effort—for both forgiveness and change.”