

Welcome: Where is the most beautiful place you have been?

Worship: Listen to "Who You Say I Am" by Hillsong Worship.

Word: Read Genesis 2:4-17.

- 1) God is more precisely named Lord (Yahweh) God in this passage than in most anywhere in the first 5 books of the Bible. What do you perceive to be the significance?
- 2) Garden of Eden means Garden of Delight and/or Pleasure, yet in verse 15 people were placed here to work. How do we reconcile these ideas? How has sin changed the nature and purpose of work?
- 3) PBJ said, "Eden, as depicted in this passage, is not a myth. It is a perfect picture of the past and a vision for our future." What does this mean?
- 4) Why do you think the tree of knowledge of good and evil was placed by God in the garden?
- 5) What did PBJ mean when he said we are currently auditioning for our return to a place much like Eden?
- 6) What would it look like to live in a world of abundance without competition and where no one is left out or behind?

Witness: Close with a prayer asking Jesus to give us the wisdom to navigate our current world (expelled from the Garden) in harmony with the principles of the world you described in question 6.