

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).



Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
- How are you living up with God?
- How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
- How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

From Garden to Garden: Creation 3

Psalm 8

- **We are created to be co-creators with God.**

The opening weeks of this series, we have been reminded that the starting place of humans in God's story is being created to create with God. In Psalm 8, David marvels that God cares for us and gives us dominion over the earth. What does it mean that God entrusts us with creation? What responsibilities come with that?

- **The garden**

When God created humankind, he called Adam to name and care for the animals and tend to and work the soil right where he was. Adam wasn't asked to wait for some mysterious destiny but called to co-create with God.

What garden are you called to tend right now?

What season of life are you in? What are the places, spaces, and groups you are participating in where you are called to be co-creators with God?

- **Reframing 'Creativity' and 'Calling':**

Calling is not a fixed role but a pattern of engagement. Creativity, then, is the mode of that faithfulness. Creativity is how a person stays responsive to what is unfolding instead of trying to freeze life into one stable identity.

What are some practical ways we can view our calling? How might we have a broader view of creativity, and what are ways you have been / are being creative?

- **Practice: Participation**

"I cannot answer the question, 'What ought I to do?' unless I first answer the question, 'Of which story am I a part?'"

-Alasdair McIntyre

Considering this, what step can you take to participate with God and community in co-creation?