

Backdrop: The Garden of Eden

Fellowship with God

*The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. **Genesis 2:8***

Opening Discussion:

1. What type of outdoor setting is most beautiful to you?
2. Why do you think we have such strong connections to nature?
3. Why do you think humans like to cultivate gardens and plants?
4. What does gardening teach us about God and the world around us?
5. What do you think the Garden of Eden was like?
6. Why do you think God chose a garden as the place for the first humans to live?

The Garden of Eden represents _____ between God and sinless _____. That fellowship was _____ by sin, and God has made a way through Jesus to _____ it.

The Garden of Eden

1. The _____ Garden of Eden was designed for fellowship with God.
2. The _____ was a _____ Garden of Eden.

*Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east) . . . And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing. **Ezekiel 47:1, 12***

*On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. **Zechariah 14:8***

*They shall keep guard over him and over the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, as they minister at the tabernacle. They shall guard all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and keep guard over the people of Israel as they minister at the tabernacle. **Numbers 3:7-8***

*I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. **Leviticus 26:11-12***

*In the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim of wood and overlaid them with gold. . . And he made the veil of blue and purple and crimson fabrics and fine linen, and he worked cherubim on it. **2 Chronicles 3:10-14***

3. The New _____ will be a _____ Garden of Eden:

Fill in the Blank Answers:

The Garden of Eden represents fellowship between God and sinless humanity. That fellowship was broken by sin, and God has made a way through Jesus to restore it.

1. original
2. Temple, substitute
3. Jerusalem, better