

Recreating Eden

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Target Passage → Genesis 2-3

1. The sermon describes the church as a place of “order, beauty, and worship” in the midst of a chaotic world. What are a few concrete examples of what that looks like in a small group or church community?
2. What can we do as a small group to help people from other cultural-religious backgrounds feel comfortable in our church?
3. Genesis describes Adam and Eve as responsible for “working” and “keeping/protecting” the garden. In the same way, healthy Christian community does not happen when church members are passive consumers. What kinds of responsibilities do we have to each other?
4. The sermon describes Genesis 3 as a “spectacular failure of friendship,” marked by discontentment, passivity, shame, fear, and blame. Which of those dynamics most often threatens Christian relationships today?
5. Richard Baxter wrote that we should be “helpers to each other’s souls.” What would it look like for us to take greater responsibility for helping one another know, worship, trust, and obey God? Who has done this especially well for you?
6. The sermon points to the cross as the “healing tree” at the center of Christian community. How does remembering Christ’s grace toward us change the way we respond when another Christian disappoints us, overlooks us, disagrees with us, or sins against us?