

THE GARDEN

GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN

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BIG idea

What God did for Jesus in his resurrection, he will do for all of creation at the return of Christ. This is our hope. **Text:** Romans 8:18-27



1 The Garden – God's Original Plan

Text: Genesis 1-3



2 Jesus in a Garden – Restoration Begun

Text: Luke 22:42; 1 Corinthians 15:19



3 The Garden – Restoration Complete

Text: Romans 8:18-27; Revelation 21-22



4 The Garden – Enacting God's Plan Today

Text: Roman 8:17, 26; 5:17; 1 Corinthians 15:58

- Justice
- Beauty
- Living and sharing good news for everyone

For Further Reflection

1. What stands out to you as something important about Easter and Jesus' resurrection?
2. What is something that stood out to you in what Pastor Paul said about Easter and the Resurrection?
3. In light of what was said in the sermon, read Ephesians 1:7-10. How do these verses add to our understanding of reigning with Christ over creation at the beginning of the new age? (Cf 2Tim 2:11-12; Revelation 5:9-10).
4. Get into two groups and read over 1Corinthians 15:35-41 and 42-49. List out all the things the Apostle Paul writes about our resurrection bodies. (Each group take only one passage). Then compare what you came up with. What have you learned?
5. How is the good news about our resurrection, and the restoration of all things in Christ, reigning with God here on a new earth, different than talking about good news of "going home to heaven?" What are the implications?
6. What could we do to embrace issues like justice and beauty as a means of living out and speaking the good news for our world today?

Give it a try! choose one of the following

1. Seek out a social justice cause in our area and consider how you might get involved in it. Recognize the need of those who are oppressed but also the call of God for his people to alleviate suffering. Explain to people why you're involved.
2. Seek or create beauty in some way. Paint, write, compose, sculpt, or attend an event that expresses beauty. Celebrate beauty and praise God at the same time.



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