

Planted in Eden

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BIG IDEA

Flourishing begins when we receive our God-given identity and provision, then cultivate God's purposes wherever He has planted us.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:8-9, 15

1. What does the order of Genesis 1:26-27—God giving humanity His image before giving humanity an assignment—reveal about the relationship between identity and activity?
2. Which temporary “boarding pass” are you most tempted to treat as your permanent identity: your career, family role, leadership, ministry, success, or something else?
3. Where are you currently working for significance rather than working from the security of being made in God's image?
4. What failure or regret have you allowed to describe not only what you did, but who you believe you are? What would repentance without shame look like?
5. According to Genesis 2:8-9, what had God already prepared before placing Adam in the garden? What does that sequence teach us about grace and flourishing?
6. Where is fear causing you to focus primarily on what is missing? What has God already provided that you may be overlooking?
7. When your “garden” changes through disappointment, grief, pruning, or disruption, what makes it difficult to trust that the Gardener has not changed?
8. Genesis 2:15 describes humanity's purpose through the ideas of serving and guarding the garden. How does that challenge a view of flourishing centered on comfort and consumption?
9. What is your gut response when you consider what is growing or withering around you because of your presence?
10. What has God entrusted to you here, in your present relationships, responsibilities, and circumstances? What is one concrete way you can cultivate it this week?