



GARDEN CITY

PART 2: Jesus On Every Page

INTRODUCTION

Since the fall of humanity in the garden, we have been separated from the Tree of Life and therefore find ourselves looking for life in every direction. Money, occupation, accomplishments, sex, friends, and so on. But these things never fully fulfill, they can't, they were never intended to. They fade. But between the Garden, and the Garden City, we find true life in a surprising place. At the foot of the cross. The cross bridges the gap between these two gardens and, through salvation, gives us hope and new life, full life, abundant life, and eternal life! Although, in this world, we still feel pain and brokenness and deal with death, this is because we are living in between two gardens- but Jesus has brought us hope and life in the middle of it all!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways have you been searching for life outside of the cross?
2. How has the cross changed your perspective on life?
3. What does it mean to live in between? Knowing that Christ has saved you and giving you incredible hope and life and yet you're still surrounded by hopelessness, brokenness, pain, and death.

MOVING FORWARD

How can the truth of the cross and the knowledge of the Garden City yet to come change how you see your life and others from now on?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

GENESIS 3:17 & 20-24