

East of Eden

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BIG IDEA

When sin fractured what God planted, grace began planting again.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:8; 3:1-24; Romans 8:19-23

1. According to Genesis 3:1-6, how does the serpent distort God's words and offer Adam and Eve a counterfeit vision of flourishing?
2. Adam and Eve were already created in God's image. Why, then, was the promise that they could "be like God" so appealing?
3. Where are you most tempted to believe that God's direction restricts your freedom rather than protects your flourishing?
4. Genesis 3 traces sin's fracture through our relationship with ourselves, God, others, our calling, creation, and place. Which fracture feels most evident in your life right now?
5. What does Adam and Eve's response to their sin—covering themselves, hiding, and blaming—reveal about the ways people still respond to guilt and shame?
6. Where have you seen one seemingly private choice spread into relationships or areas of life that initially appeared unrelated?
7. What do God's pursuit of Adam and Eve, the promise of Genesis 3:15, and the garments He provides reveal about His response to human sin?
8. Why is it significant that God announces redemption and provides a covering before Adam and Eve leave the garden?
9. Scripture portrays God continually planting His redemptive presence in broken places. How does that theme reshape the way you view the church's purpose in its community?
10. Where has God planted you, and what would it look like for His Spirit to begin cultivating a garden through you there?