



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Mission of God: Eden: God's Garden-Temple

Bible Reading: Eph. 2:19-22

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We (You) Are God's Temple (Eph. 2:21-22)

Eden, a Garden-Temple (Gen. 1-3)

- A. The 'garden of God' (Ezek. 28:13a, 14b)
 - 1. It's God's Garden-Temple (Psa. 48:1-3; 43:3)
 - 2. Humans are not the 'crown of creation'
- B. A place where God dwells – a sacred space (Gen. 3:8)
 - 1. It was a sanctuary (Ezek. 28:18)
 - 2. Its entrance faced east and was guarded by cherubim (Gen. 3:24)
- C. Humans satisfied in God's presence (Gen. 2)
- D. God and humans dwell together
- E. Humans' role to expand Eden (garden-temple) (Gen. 1:28)

The Tabernacle and Temple are Mini-Edens

A. The tabernacle

1. A place for God to dwell (Exo. 25:8)
2. A mini-Eden

B. The Temple

1. A place for God to dwell (1 Kings 6:13)
2. A mini-Eden (1 Kings 6:18, 29, 32; 7:18-20)

Jesus is the True Tabernacle & Temple (John 1:14; 2:19, 21)

The Church is the Temple of God – mini-Eden (Eph. 2:21-22)

A. We are walking temples

B. On mission with God (Gen. 1:28; Matt. 28:19; 1 Pet. 2:5a, 9)