

GOD WITH US

Session Two: In the Garden

“Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden;
there he put the man he had formed.” Genesis 2:8

In the creation account we see that the transcendent came down to the level of the immanent.
The garden of Eden is the first place on earth where humans could meet with God
and develop their full potential as his image bearers.



1. What is the meaning of the word ‘Torah’?
2. At the beginning of both the Old and New Testaments the Spirit of God is active—hovering over the chaos (Gen. 1:1-2) and then over the young virgin Mary (Lk. 1:35). What do these two accounts teach us about the unity and also the progression of the Bible?

3. Quickly scan the opening words of Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26:

- What phrase is repeated?
- What happened when God spoke?



4. What was Satan’s primary tactic in the temptation of Adam and Eve?
(see Gen. 3:1)

- Is the question: “Did God really say” relevant today? How do you answer that question?

5. In the ancient Near East, gardens often had royal connotations. Kings would place images of themselves in the garden to signify their reign. What is the possible significance of the first humans being created “in the image of God” and placed in a garden (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:8)?



6. For what purpose did God place Adam in the garden? (see Gen 2:15)

7. “God intended mankind to be his regents, ruling under him, reflecting his image, but never forgetting that he is the ultimate sovereign.”

- Did mankind forget? Explain.
- Do we?

Home study: Read Genesis 11-12 and 28:10-17