



**Series:** From Garden to Garden  
**Passage:** Genesis 3- Matthew 26  
**Title:** The Garden of Surrender  
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**Discussion Starter** – How difficult is it to restore a broken image that has quickly and easily been shattered? What is the unavoidable path that is required to restore a broken relationship? According to Mark 10:45, what did Jesus perceive as the purpose of His life?

**Read Genesis 3:1-13**

1. Following the deception of the serpent compounded with the fear of missing out, the man and woman chose to disobey God and eat of the fruit. In what different ways was their “image of God” fractured? (4 were given in the message)
2. What immediate actions did the humans take after following through with the serpent’s suggestion?
  - a. How does excuse making differ from taking responsibility? How does humble confession and “owning your errors” affect your standing with others? With God?
3. Who hides in this narrative? Who seeks a conversation? What does this reveal about God’s nature and His approach to dealing with disobedience?
  - b. Have you “hidden from God” because of personal sin? Why? What other course of action could you take that is consistent with God’s revealed nature, as revealed here and in Exodus 34:6?

**Read Genesis 3:14-22**

4. Who and what is cursed in God’s response? Who receives consequences for their future life?
5. Who is the seed of the woman? Who is the seed of the serpent? How will they interact? What will be the ultimate outcome?
  - c. What does God’s declaration in verse 15 reveal about His plan of rescue and restoration for mankind?
6. What is the significance of God providing tunics of skin for clothing of the humans?
7. Why is the tree of life guarded? What is the implied cost of passing through the flaming swords?

**Matthew 26:36-44**

8. What does the word, “Gethsemane” mean? How is that meaning appropriate for the drama described in these verses? (John 12:24)
9. The point of testing and decision is highlighted in verse 39. What are similarities and differences between Genesis 3:1-6?
10. How did Jesus faithfully represent God’s image in this scene? What did He accomplish as our “last Adam”? (Hebrews 5:7-9)
  - d. How does Jesus’ life and death provide a way for our restoration as imagers of God? (Galatians 2:20)