

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 3

Genesis 2:4-25



September 24, 2024

1. Opening icebreaker: What one word would you use to describe what you imagine that Garden of Eden to have been like?

2. Read Genesis 2:7. Why is *breath* significant in this passage? Where, according to this passage, where does breath come from?

3. Read Ezekiel 37: 1-14 and John 20:19-23. What parallels or connections do you see between Genesis 2:4-7 and these passages?
 - a. What parts of your life need to be enlivened by God's breath?

4. Genesis 2:8-14 gives details on the Garden of Eden. What do you think the ancient author is trying to emphasize about the Garden?

5. Read Genesis 2:15:
 - a. Why is man placed in the Garden?

- b. How does this relate to the divine command given in Genesis 1:28?
 - c. What do you think this looks like? How could this verse be interpreted spiritually?
6. What are some ways that we can make the *work* we do more holy? How can we offer our work in the spirit of Genesis 2:15?
- a. Do you experience a relationship between work and prayer? Why or why not?
7. Trees often symbolize life in scripture (and in other religions too). Why do you think this is? What is so special about trees?
8. Why do you think the animals (Genesis 2:18-20) were not found to be suitable partners for mankind? What does this tell us about God's special mission for humans?
9. What makes someone a good partner or helper in the spiritual life (not romantic partner!)? How can you be a good partner and helper to others?