

# THE GARDENER AND THE KING



**Message Date:** October 24, 2021 (Week 5)

## CONNECT

Take a few minutes to share stories of growth. Either in yourself or others.  
Celebrate the good things that God is doing.

## DISCUSS

*Two gardens: read Romans 5:12–21 aloud.*

In Eden, Adam and Eve's disobedience results in a creation-wide curse. In Gethsemane, Jesus' obedience results in a creation-wide blessing.

- What questions does this passage in Romans raise for you?
- What questions does it answer for you?

### **The Past** *Romans 5:18*

Christ's obedience overcomes the curse of Adam's disobedience, providing hope.

- What signs of Adam's curse do you see in the world? What makes you hopeless?
- What signs of Christ's blessing do you see in the world? What makes you hopeful?

### **The Future** *2 Corinthians 5:21*

Christ's obedience results in God's judgment falling on him instead of us, creating gratitude.

- When you think about God's future judgment, what comes to mind?
- Imagine Jesus taking all your guilt on himself. How does it make you feel?

### **The Present** *Ephesians 3:17*

Christ's obedience frees him to be present by the power of the Spirit, enabling growth.

- What are some steps you can take to make room for Christ in your heart?
- How might you become more effective in putting roots down into love?

## PRAY

Take time to thank God for the conversation you had together. Ask for his help in growing good fruit, as you become more responsive to the power of his Spirit within you.