

THE GARDENER AND THE KING



Message Date: October 31, 2021 (Week 6)

CONNECT

Take a few minutes to talk about your plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Be specific about the opportunities and challenges that you anticipate.

DISCUSS

Mistaken for the Gardener: read John 20:1–18

Mary's mistake points us to the work that Jesus had done in the past—removing seven demons so she could grow, like the gardener removes stones and weeds from the soil. Consider the list below and discuss your past experience and future hopes for Jesus' work in your heart.

Insecurity	<i>Romans 5:8</i>
Pride	<i>1 Peter 5:5</i>
Ambition	<i>Romans 12:10</i>
Isolation	<i>Hebrews 10:24-25</i>
Suspicion	<i>2 Timothy 2:23</i>
Aggression	<i>Romans 12:18</i>
Despair	<i>Philippians 3:13-14</i>

- How has Jesus helped you grow in the past by dealing with these demons?
- Are there others that are more challenging for you?
- What work do you need him to do so new growth is possible?
- What steps might you take to uproot unhealthy growth?

PRAY

Take time to ask God for help with the struggles that emerged through your conversation. Commit to praying for one another throughout the week. Thank him for the time together.