



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
R O C H E S T E R

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**October 23, 2022**

**Refresh**

Read Genesis 2:4-17 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

**Discuss**

How does this portion of the creation narrative reveal God's desire to have a personal relationship with man? What is so spectacular about this reality in light of who God is and who man is in relation to Him? Why should this be encouraging for us today?

In what ways does Genesis 2 seem to reject the notion of evolution being the means by which mankind came to be? What other passages in Scripture point to God's intentional work in creating mankind? How important are these truths for believers to hold?

When you think about the garden of Eden, and the beauty of it, what comes to your mind? Have you ever been to a place that so effectively captured the fusing of beauty and functionality? In what ways does the description of the Garden of Eden mirror the New Earth in Revelation 21-22?

Why do you think God establish the rule for mankind to not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? While we so often focus on the restrictive nature of verse 17, what does verse 16 tell us about how God provides for mankind?

If God is sovereign over all things, how can mankind be responsible for his own choices? How does Genesis 2 show us that we are responsible for the decisions we make even while God is sovereign over all things? How should this change the way we live in light of what God has commanded of us in His Word?