

Scripture is strewn with _____ metaphors

Canaan: *"a good and broad land, flowing with milk and honey"*

The world begins and ends in garden – a garden _____!

"The Lord God planted a garden in Eden" [Genesis 2:8]

Israel is pictured as a _____ planted by God

I. Garden: a rich metaphor for our community at CTK

A. A place of God's _____

God is the Gardener – the _____ [John 15:1]

B. A place of _____

There is something _____ as well as descriptive in this image

In Hebrew a worker is a " _____ "

C. A place of our presence

1. Presence is _____

2. Presence is _____

3. Gospel presence welcomes others – there is always another _____
_____ enhances the health of a farm

D. CTK: a place to _____

We attend to what we love--what we _____ we till – we seek to make it flourish

Our _____ direct our practices

Habits of the heart – we plow, plant, and water

1. We plow and scatter and receive God's Word – the _____

2. We beg the Lord: "Send our roots _____"

3. We gather together in Jesus' name

E. A place of persistence and _____

_____ is necessary if a culture is to flourish

The life of faith is a life of active, expectant _____ on the Lord

F. A place of _____: a well-watered garden

II. Our Lord Jesus: the source and _____ of our culture

A. Death is necessary to animate life

1. We were lost and found in a _____

The Second Adam did what the first Adam failed to do

2. Jesus was _____ in a garden!

B. The church is a vineyard planted by God

"The Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song." [Isaiah 51:3]

People are _____--they begin to de-wither, and to then flourish

The _____ of devotion

May CTK be *"a vineyard on a very fertile hill."* [Isaiah 5:2]