

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]