

2007-08 BSP#7 Group Time Discussion

L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.

(A) “He Opened to Us the Scriptures” – Scripture-Related Questions for Reflection and Discussion (Time available: 15 minutes. Do at least 2 questions.)

1. [M] Read John 19:8-11. In this scene, who was afraid and who was not? Why? Who should have been afraid and who shouldn't have been from an earthly perspective?
2. [M] Contrast the scene in John 19:8-11 with what happened in Genesis 3:1-6. Who was afraid and who was not? Why? Who should have been afraid and who shouldn't have been from a heavenly perspective?
3. [H] In today's session notes, bullet (E)5 explains how the New Adam was not afraid to die and make up for Adam's selfishness and reluctance to die for Eve, his spouse. Find two Pauline passages that explicitly support this teaching.

(B) “Did Not Our Hearts Burn?” – Question(s) for Group Meditation and Prayerful Reflection. (Suggested time: 15 minutes)

The Garden of Eden was both a spiritual and physical reality. The same is true today. The Church exists spiritually, among God's people, and it also exists in a physical way, when Christians gather together to give public demonstration of their faith in God and their desire to keep covenant with Him. They do this in churches.

Picture the inside of a traditional Catholic church. What are some of its features that evoke the Garden of Eden?