



Sermon series: From the Garden to the Cross

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## The Story of The Trees

**Big Idea: Jesus gave up His life so that we can find life in Him both now and forever.**

**The Garden: We traded \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. We were made to \_\_\_\_\_ life in God. (Gen. 2:8-9)
2. To look for life \_\_\_\_\_ of God will only bring death. (Gen. 2:16-17)

**The Cross: Jesus traded His \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. The Cross says your sin is so \_\_\_\_\_ that you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to die for you. (Acts 5:30; 1 Peter 2:24; Galatians 3:13)
2. The Cross says you are so \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to die for you so you can have life. (Romans 5:8)

**The Present: Life can be \_\_\_\_\_ right now in \_\_\_\_\_. (John 1:4; 20:31; 14:6)**

1. Life is found in a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Life is found in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Future: We are looking forward to the \_\_\_\_\_ life. (Revelation 22:1-3)**

*What are the ways that we look for life outside of God rather than in God? What are some of the things you can be convinced will bring the satisfaction you were meant to find in God alone?*

*In what ways is sin like a bad trade? How have you seen this play out in your own life?*



*Take a minute to reflect on Jesus' death on the cross. What did his death accomplish? What is it about his death that gives you reasons for joy?*

*What's another story you can think of where someone was willing to die for the sake of another person? How do these stories give us a picture of what Jesus did on the cross for us?*

*What ways are you searching for life in what this world offers rather than looking to Jesus for life?*

*What are some of the ways you might fill in this blank: "I'll really enjoy life when \_\_\_\_\_"? How can you remind yourself that life can be found in the present in Jesus?*

*What are some reasons that we picture life in heaven as such a distant future? What are some ways you might look through the right lens and remind yourself that life isn't actually that far away?*

*Read Revelation 22:1-3 again. Now take a moment and picture yourself there eating from the tree of life. How can that picture help you in the midst of whatever you are facing right now?*