

**Eden Series
Born To Grow
7/20/19
NN Campus**

Opening

-Pastor David...Steve Ruggerio...

-thank Hannah...(KidLifeClub, recruiting goals, getting your children ready for both school and life! Two fold curriculum: education & Praxis!)

-make sure you are sending us your story of how God is moving through these prayer times!

Introduction

-first two weeks...

- **Born To Suffer (James 1:2-4)**

- **Born To Die (2 Corinthians 5:1-2)**

-Genesis 2:4-9

-this week: Born To Grow

Growing on the Outside

-(pic of kids with pants on heads)

-(pic of kids now...)

-participation moment...what are some things kids need to grow?

-children grow when the right things are present and the wrong things are absent...

-What if there was a camera that could take a picture of what your character, your life virtues, looked like in those early days after you made a vow of devotion to Jesus...and what if we could take another picture today...what would we see?

Growing on the Inside

-John 3:1-8

-Garden of Eden

- The idea of a garden is instructive! (see language in Genesis 2)
- Adam and Eve were created fully grown...the emphasis is supposed to be on growing on the inside...
- Galatians 5:22-23 (there is a reason virtues are called fruit)

-Genesis 2 and John 3 are partner texts to one another...

When we make a vow of devotion to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes and lives within us making it possible for the virtues of Christ to grow in us! (shouldn't our "fruit" as Christians be bigger and sweeter?)

-What is growing in the garden of your life? (most common comparisons in Scripture are always to this natural world: children, sheep, plants, fruit...)

24 Virtues

-(read from book)

-(tell story of 7-11 in Leesburg on the way to Elim...)

-(tell story of Belize and person talking loud and slow in English to someone who only speaks Spanish...)

-Sometimes the language of Jesus is foreign to us...because we speak human!

- **Love your enemies... (Matthew 5)**
- **Sell all your possessions... (Luke 18)**
- **Think of others as better than yourself... (Philippians 2)**
- **Don't be unequally yoked... (1 Corinthians 6)**
- **Be perfect... (Matthew 5)**

-BORN TO GROW!!!!!!!!!!

12 Pathways

-We grow when the right things are present and the wrong things are absent!!!!!!!!!!!!

-Displacement: when the right things are present the wrong things will be absent.

-(read from book)

-If the garden of you're your life is void of the virtues of Christ...if the garden of your life is overgrown with the weeds of human brokenness...then the activities, what we call Pathways, are conspicuously absent.

Band

-How many of you grew up with a door jam where heights were marked and sibling names and dates were written down...

-What if we have something like that in Heaven? Can you imagine Jesus' name written WAY out of reach...and then we step into the door jam...God puts His hand on our head and our name is written down...this is how close we came to the character of Christ...

-let's be taller!

Close

-John 15:5