# **Graves into Gardens**

Easter Sunday!

Do you consider yourself a green thumb? Why or why not?

Do you like gardening? Why or why not?

Ponder the following Qs:

Why are we here? What are we made for?

Is death really the end? If not, what can we anticipate after death?

Might resurrection be real and have any real implications?

#### **Explore John 19:41 + John 20:14-15**.

Why do you think John included "garden" details?

Explore <u>Genesis 2</u> and <u>Genesis 3</u>. What do you learn about the original humans in the garden?

Read and ponder the following Scriptures, with special focus on the UP words, the spring lingo:

## Deuteronomy 18:15; 1 Samuel 2:6; Psalm 71:20; Amos 9:14

How might such Old Testament passages grow our anticipation of Christ Jesus and his work to rescue, redeem, raise up, and renew humans + all creation?

#### Easter Apps:

Jesus' resurrection story in the garden helps us reimagine God's value in our work.

Jesus' resurrection story in the garden tends our souls, bringing us comfort and growing faith.

Jesus' resurrection story in the garden calls us to deeply believe, to say "YES" to personal faith in Christ.

Have you said your own hearty "YES!" to Christ Jesus? If so, when and why? If not, why not?

Which of the above apps most moves you today and why?

## **Get Ready for Next Week:**

Graves into Gardens Part 2.

Read each day from one or more of the following passages: <u>Gen. 1:31; 2:17; 3:19-22;</u> 5:24; <u>Gen. 22</u>; <u>Gen. 25:9-10, 49:29-31; 50:25</u>; <u>Deut. 32:29</u>; <u>Acts 24:14-15</u>; <u>Matthew</u> 22:39-32