



TREES

Scripture: Genesis 2:9, Genesis 2:16-17, 1 Peter 2:24

Sermon Points:

1. A tree of life — The Tree of Life is what God directed.
2. A tree of knowledge — The Tree of Knowledge is what God allowed.
3. A tree of healing — The cross is what God celebrates.

Group Opener:

Are you putting up a Christmas tree this year? Do you prefer live or artificial?

Discussion Questions:

1. This week's message about TREES spans the Bible from beginning to end (Genesis 2 - Rev 22:2). What stood out to you from the message?
2. In the sermon we were taught that there were two trees in the garden of Eden that had names. One was a tree of life, and the other was a tree of knowledge about good and evil. Why do you think God put both in the Garden of Eden and gave us freedom to choose?
3. During the message Tim referred to all the verses that point back to the cross as "a tree". Have your small group read each verse and then discuss.
Acts 5:30
Acts 10:39
Galatians 3:13-14
1 Peter 2:24
4. The New Testament speaks often about the cross. Have you ever considered that God would celebrate it, or does the cross seem like a burden in your opinion?
5. Who are you inviting and hoping to bring to Christmas Services? Pray together as a small group for courage and boldness to share the invite and the gospel with our friends and neighbors.

LEADER NOTE: This is a great time to make plans through the holidays with your small group! Think through your calendar and make plans including...

- How can your group be a blessing to others/serve (In community or Hill Country Christmas Services)?
- Will you do a Christmas or New Years Party?
- What is your plan for your small group to start back in Jan 2024?