

The Greenhouse Effect

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BIG IDEA

Central is a greenhouse for formation so God can release a people who bloom as “pop-up gardens” across our region—moving from attendance to deployment, from fortress to neighborhood, from gathered-only to scattered-on-mission.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 58:11; Ezekiel 47:12; 1 Corinthians 3:8-9

1. What part of the “we’re living in someone else’s story” reality lands most deeply for you—gratitude, pressure, responsibility, or something else? Why?
2. The tension described is “high biblical familiarity, low transformation.” Where do you see that gap in your own life right now—head, heart, habits, or relationships?
3. Isaiah 58:11 pictures a well-watered garden and a spring that doesn’t fail. What conditions in the passage produce that kind of life, and what counterfeit versions of “flourishing” compete with it?
4. What would it look like for your faith to be more than routine—more like renewal—over the next 90 days? Name one change that would be visible to the people closest to you.
5. The vision contrasts “come and see” with “go and be.” Where do you currently treat church as a destination rather than a deployment point?
6. Ezekiel 47:12 describes fruit for food and leaves for healing. If your daily life were a “tree on the riverbank,” who is meant to experience food or healing through you—and what might that require of you?
7. When you hear “one greenhouse, thousands of gardens,” what’s your gut response: excitement, intimidation, skepticism, grief, or relief? What does that reaction reveal about your current season?
8. 1 Corinthians 3:8-9 emphasizes shared purpose and distinct labor—planting, watering, God giving growth. Which role are you most naturally wired for, and what role do you tend to neglect?
9. The visionary state of mind we shared names ordinary places as mission fields (break room, bleachers, carpool lane). What is one existing rhythm in your week where a “pop-up garden” could realistically take root without adding a new program?
10. If the goal is “flourishing in your kingdom calling,” what is one specific calling-marker God may be highlighting for you right now—and what is one fear that could keep you from stepping into it?