





 <p><b>SERIES &amp; TITLE</b></p>	<p>Mother's Day at Central - 2024</p>
 <p><b>BIG IDEA</b></p>	<p>Small acts of faith, kindness and service plant seeds that grow into flourishing trees and collectively form a beautiful spiritual forest that displays God's glory to future generations.</p>
 <p><b>ICE BREAKER</b></p>	<p>Share a positive childhood memory you have involving trees or being in nature. What did you enjoy most about that experience?</p>
 <p><b>MAIN POINTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It's important to cultivate good soil by surrounding ourselves with healthy environments, relationships, and being rooted in Christ.</li> <li>● We are constantly planting "seeds" through our words, actions and life choices that can either produce life or destruction.</li> <li>● Though growth often happens slowly our small acts of kindness can eventually grow into strong trees that bless future generations.</li> <li>● Forests illustrate the interconnectedness we have - we are designed to thrive in community, sharing nutrients and strengthening one another.</li> <li>● Our collective lives as believers form a forest that displays God's splendor and offers shelter, rest and vision of Heaven.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>DISCUSS</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What stood out to you most from the message? Was there a particular point or analogy that resonated deeply with you?</li> <li>2. How would you assess the current "soil" in your life? What nutrients are you giving your soul to thrive or harmful elements you may need to address?</li> <li>3. Lisa talked about planting "seeds" of the Kingdom like love, grace, mercy etc. What are some practical ways you can intentionally sow more of these seeds in your daily life and relationships?</li> <li>4. Have you ever felt like your acts of service or kindness didn't seem to amount to much? How can the illustration of seeds becoming trees encourage you for the long-term impact you may not see?</li> <li>5. What do you think it looks like to truly live as an interconnected, nourishing "forest" as believers? How can we better support and strengthen one another?</li> </ol>
 <p><b>NEXT STEP</b></p>	<p>Spend some time prayerfully considering what "seeds" of kindness, mercy, grace, generosity or peace God may be calling you to intentionally plant or sow into the lives of others this week, whether through actions, words of encouragement, use of resources, or investments of time and energy.</p>
 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b></p>	<p>Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.</p> <p>Colossians 2:6-7 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.</p>



**NEXT WEEK**

**SNEAK**

**PEAK**

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