

6 TOOLS FOR UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Gospel Growth Study

THE STORYLINE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

GET BACK EDEN

God's **people** in God's **place** under God's **rule**

The means through which God accomplishes getting back Eden in the New Testament is the _____.

SENDINGS STRUCTURE



Father



Son

Son



Spirit

Spirit



Church

Galatians 4:4-6
John 6:38
1 John 4:14
John 14:26
Acts 13:2-3
John 20:21

Father sends _____

Father/Son send _____

Spirit sends _____

Church sends _____

NEW TESTAMENT DEPICTION OF EDEN

God's _____



in God's _____



under God's _____



KINGDOM



Christ

Jn 11:51-52
Eph 2:11-22
1 Cor 15:50-57

Spirit

Jn 14:15-21
Gal 5:16-24
Eph 1:13-14

Church

Matt 24:14
Matt 28:18-20
1 Jn 3:4-8

How This Tool Will Help You Read The New Testament

1. What sending am I in right now?

- How does this sending show me who the main character of this section is about?
- What is the sent one accomplishing for getting back the kingdom?
- What is this passage trying to tell me about this sent one and his/its nature and mission?

2. How is this passage teaching me to relate to the one being sent?

- Is it trying to train me for service?
- Is it trying to satisfy an expectation?
- Is it trying to motivate me towards worship?

3. What is this passage teaching me about the kingdom?

- Is it emphasizing something that is already true about the kingdom?
- Is it emphasizing something that will one day be true in the kingdom?
- How is it helping me see what it means to be a kingdom citizen (either present instruction or future hope)?