

BEGINNINGS

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-11

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Pastor Jason Finley preached the sermon: “In His Image,” from Genesis 1:26-27. We considered the truth that God created all people in his image with inherent dignity.

Read: Genesis 1:28-2:17

This Sunday, Pastor Ken Lewis will preach from Genesis 1:28-2:17, where God entrusts the world to man to steward for man’s good and God’s glory. As you prepare your heart for our corporate gathering, let this article from John Piper aid your motivation to fulfill your God-given design to joyfully work to the glory of God.

Reflect: “Work Is a Glorious Thing”

Work is a glorious thing. And if you stop and think about it, the most enjoyable kinds of leisure are a kind of work. Both these facts are true because the essence of work, as God designed it before the fall, was creativity — not aimless, random doing, but creative, productive doing.

Primal Worker

When God did his primal work, he created the world. That is the essence of work. Then he created us in his image, and put us in the world he made, and said, “Let them have dominion . . . over all the earth. . . . And the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it” (Genesis 1:26; 2:15).

In other words, God is the primal worker, and we are created to go on working. His primal work was to create out of nothing. Our ongoing work is to create out of his creation. This is a glorious thing.

Essence of Work

This is the ultimate reason why, in the New Testament, the main word for *work* refers both to the act of working and to the product of the work. So the Greek word *ergon* refers to the act of working: “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

And *ergon* refers to the product of the act: “Are not you my workmanship in the Lord?” (1 Corinthians 9:1). The essence of work is to produce a work — an object or a state of affairs that did not exist before. The glory of work in reliance on our Creator (big C) is to create (little c).

This is the common denominator between our work and our leisure. The crossword puzzle is, at last, full. The scrabble score is high. The duck is carved. The scarf is knitted. The ultimate Frisbee game had some amazing catches. The fish is caught. The novel is understood and enjoyed.

What Sin Has Done to Work

What the fall did was make this glorious thing burdensome and frustrating.

“In pain you shall eat of [the earth] all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you. . . . By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground.” (Genesis 3:17–19)

But the image of God in human work was only defaced. It was not destroyed. All humans have been ambivalent toward work since the fall. It is hated because of futility (Romans 8:20), and it is loved because of a sense of creative purpose and meaning in life.

Work in Its Glory and Joy

When the book of Proverbs tells us to go to the ant and learn how to work hard and work smart (Proverbs 6:6–11), and when Paul tells us to “work heartily, as for the Lord” (Colossians 3:23), they are not cursing us. They are pointing to our glory and our joy.

Jesus redeemed us from the curse in more ways than one. In Christ, the law no longer curses us for not working enough to be saved (Galatians 3:13). We are not saved by our working. And in Christ, none of our work is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58). The ultimate futility has been overcome.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Rest and work begin to find their primal and their end-time union. Christ puts us into a yoke of labor, and he lifts the burden from us (Matthew 11:28–30). Now we serve in the strength that he supplies (1 Peter 4:11), and we work hard in reliance on his grace. “I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me” (1 Corinthians 15:10). This is an amazing life.

Making the World Better

Work is a glorious thing. If you are starting to grow lazy, I summon you back to joy. God made us to work. He formed our minds to think and our hands to make. He gave us strength — little or great — to be about the business of altering the way things are.

That is what work is: seeing the world, thinking of how it could be better, and doing something — from the writing of a note to the building of a boat, from the sewing of what you wear to the praying of a prayer. Come, leave off sloth and idleness. Become what you were made to be. Work.

“Work Is a Glorious Thing,” Article by John Piper, desiringgod.org

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “All the Earth,” by Vertical Worship
2. “Let the Nations Be Glad,” by Matt Boswell
3. “Great Are You Lord,” Arr. Shane & Shane

SONG LYRICS

"ALL THE EARTH"

Andi Rozier | Jason Ingram | Jonathan Smith | Meredith Andrews

Verse 1

From the rising of the sun
To the ending of the day
One name alone be praised
Every nation tribe and tongue
All creation lifting up
Your name alone we raise

Chorus

Praise the Lord all the earth all the earth
Bless His name only one name now and always

Verse 2

Jesus You have rescued us
You are good and You are just
One name alone be praised
From the heights and from the depths
In every heart with every breath
Your name alone we raise

Bridge

Every sky is filled with wonder
All creation lifting higher
The only King who reigns forever
Who is like our God who is like our God

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SONG LYRICS

"LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD"

Aaron Boswell | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

Verse 1

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come

Chorus

Let the nations be glad
Let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God

Verse 2

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered
Though they died
Still we holding out the cross
Crossing oceans suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

Verse 3

As Your holy church goes forth
In the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the gospel to proclaim
Now we pray Your Kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honor and glory of Your name

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SONG LYRICS

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"

David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

Verse

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

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SERMON NOTES

FILL THE EARTH

Genesis 1:28-2:17

Big Idea: God has entrusted the world to man to steward for his good and God's glory.

I. God communicated a mandate for man to fulfill (1:28)

Genesis 1:28

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

a. What is the cultural mandate?

(1) The cultural mandate is the command to exercise dominion over the earth, subdue it, and develop its latent potential (Gen. 1:26-28; cf. Gen 2:15).

(2) The cultural mandate is given to all people.

(3) Therefore, the cultural mandate is not just for the people of God.

(4) Having said that, only the true people of God (the church) will be able to fulfill the cultural mandate as it was intended—according to the desire to give glory to God

b. What are the two mandates?

(1) To reproduce (v. 28a)

Genesis 1:28a

28a And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth

(2) To rule (v. 28b)

Genesis 1:28b

28b and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

-God has given a decree, a duty, and a desire

SERMON NOTES

FILL THE EARTH

Genesis 1:28-2:17

“We should not dismiss this innate human drive for material productivity and flourishing as greedy materialism or sin. It can be distorted by selfishness and sin, but the drive to create, produce, and enjoy useful products ultimately comes from a morally good, God-given instinct that he placed within the human race before there was any sin in the world, when he commanded Adam and Eve to fill the earth, subdue it, and have dominion over all of it.”

Wayne Grudem, Christian Ethics, p.906

2. God provided resources for man to flourish (1:29-31; 2:9a)

Genesis 1:29-31

29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

3. God demonstrated a principle for man to follow (2:1-3)

a. God rested from all his work on the seventh day.

Genesis 2:1-3

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

4. God entrusted the world to man to steward faithfully (vv. 4-17).

a. There was no man to work the ground (vv. 4-6).

Genesis 2:4-6

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. 5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—

SERMON NOTES

FILL THE EARTH

Genesis 1:28-2:17

b. God formed man from the ground to work the ground (vv. 7-17)

(1) God formed man from the ground (v. 7)

Genesis 2:7-17

7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

(2) God planted a garden and put man in it (vv. 8-15).

- The garden (vv. 8-14)

Genesis 2:8-14

8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

> The gardener/guardian (v. 15)

Genesis 2:15

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

(3) God commanded man to eat of every tree but one (vv. 16-17)

Genesis 2:16-17

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

SERMON NOTES

FILL THE EARTH

Genesis 1:28-2:17

Moving forward with the cultural mandate

- Remember we are blessed beyond measure in Christ.
- God places us where he wants us to serve Him.
- Spread the gospel that changes hearts and homes, cultures and cities, nations and governments.
- Live under the lordship of Christ in every area of your life.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?



Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?

**Sermon
doodles**

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVES

- Embrace our stewardship of God's world for God's glory.

DISCUSS

- Read Genesis 1:28-2:17. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What is the cultural mandate? How does the cultural mandate relate to the Great Commission? Are they opposed, different, or the same?
- What is man's purpose or mission on earth?
- God calls man to balance work and rest. How do we tend to fall into making an idol of either work or rest?
- What do you think of when you hear the words "subdue" or "dominion"? How is dominion different from domination?
- God put Adam in the garden. Where has God sovereignly placed you? Are you fulfilling the cultural mandate and Great Commission right where you are?

For larger groups, consider using Zoom breakouts for the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. You may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you towards this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

OUR CULTURAL MANDATE

Here we see creation from a second angle, in which God gives humanity its unique cultural mandate. God commands humanity to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and have dominion over everything on earth, and to work and keep it. This is the foundation for our understanding of how God desires us to live on this earth, so let's study and apply all that can be learned.

READ: Genesis 1:27-2:17

- Compare and contrast Genesis 1 and Genesis 2. How do these two angles of the same creation account help us understand God and man better?
- How does God desire us to steward the earth for his glory? How is dominion different from domination?
- What does God mean when he commands mankind to “work” and “keep” the garden? How are “work” and “keep” different from each other? How can you grow either of these ways?

PRAY

- Pray that God would fill the earth with his glory through his people as he intended at creation.
- Pray that you would exercise dominion in a godly way and would be faithful to work and keep all that he has entrusted to you.
- Pray that as a church, we would be faithful to make God known and would show the world how God intends humanity to live for his glory.

SING: “World Needs Jesus,” by River Valley Worship
(<https://youtu.be/rLtpDYt5Zzc>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

GOD GIVES THE GROWTH

God calls us to work alongside Him in His mission. We all play a part within God's kingdom, whether as a teacher, doctor, parent, student, etc. No matter who you are or what you do, it is God who is at work in and through you to bring about growth in others. Praise God!

READ: 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

- According to this passage, what roles does God play and man play in the work of ministry? Who gets the credit?
- How does this passage teach us to value each person in the kingdom of God for the role they play?
- How does knowing that God gives the growth free you and encourage you for ministry?

PRAY

- Praise God for being the one who gives spiritual growth. Pray that He would help you rely upon Him in your life and ministry.
- Pray that God's people would value one another for their role within the kingdom, giving God the credit He is due.
- Pray that God would use you to bring forth growth in the gospel through those you interact with.

SING: "Christ Be All Around Me," by All Sons and Daughters

(<https://youtu.be/cmge-yckoo>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

CALLED TO CULTIVATE

In Genesis 1:27-2:17 God calls His people to set their aim on the flourishing of His good world and its inhabitants. Down the line, in the book of Jeremiah, God's people find themselves exiled in pagan Babylon. Though they were tempted to sulk and turn inward with selfish grief, God called them, through his prophet Jeremiah, to once again live out the cultural mandate: promote the flourishing of God's good world and its inhabitants. Even when we are outsiders in non-Christian spaces or when opposition rises against us, God is calling us to make a difference and offer hope to the spiritual brokenness in others. It is Christians who are given the responsibility to change the world.

READ: Jeremiah 29:4-7

- Why do you think God's exhortation through Jeremiah would have been difficult for the Israelites to hear and embrace?
- How do you think v. 7 translates to a 21st-century context?
- God has called Christians to change the world. What's your role this week? This month? This year?

PRAY

- Thank God for caring for you as His precious creation in a world of chaos and uncertainty.
- Ask God to reveal areas of your life where you can make a difference and contribute to the flourishing of God's world.

SING: "Facing a Task Unfinished," by Keith and Kristyn Getty
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKJpPIQnEfc>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

WORK FOR THE LORD

God created man to steward His creation and do it well. We have a responsibility to work because God designed us to, but our sin often leads us to idleness. When we are idle we disobey God and forfeit the profit of hard work. As Paul says, "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat." Thankfully, we can look to Jesus as the perfect example of how we should work. If we have been born again, and Christ lives in us, we now have the ability to glorify God in our work and bless those around us.

READ: 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13

- In what ways do we allow idleness to creep into our lives?
- How does our work, or lack thereof, affect ourselves and those around us?
- As stewards of God's creation, what steps can we take towards bringing glory to God in our work?

PRAY

- Thank God for His grace in that He gives us what we need even though we don't deserve it.
- Ask God to continually transform your view of work into one that will glorify Him.

SING: "Behold Our God," by Sovereign Grace Music, Bob Kauflin
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58&ab>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

CREATED MALE AND FEMALE

God created humans, male and female, in his image to resemble and represent God. One particular way humanity fulfills the mandate to rule on God's behalf is through the institution of marriage. Let's freshly examine God's creation of people as male and female and God's good design of marriage as we prepare for worship this Sunday.

READ: Genesis 1:27, 2:18-25

- List the things God does in this passage.
- What did Adam do in this passage?
- How does God's design for gender and marriage compare to what the culture tells us?

PRAY

- Praise God for his good design of gender and marriage.
- Pray for our church to reflect God's good design in these ways.

SING: "How Firm a Foundation" by Sovereign Grace Music
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cY6k2QhdCn0>)