



Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What struck you as you listened to this message? Why?
- Is the cultural mandate something familiar or strange to you? What's your most immediate reaction to this commission from God? Is it a plight or a blessing?

- What are ways in which the cultural mandate is handled wrongly? Which are some of your struggles?
- Consider how Jesus fulfils this mandate perfectly. How is this good news to you?
- Read Colossians 3:23-25. How does this relate to the cultural mandate? How can we begin to live this in chaotic areas of our lives? Take time to pray for and encourage one another in the grace of God.