



GENESIS 1:26-31
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"Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'

Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.' And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day."
GENESIS 1:26-31 | NIV

1. GOD COMMANDED ADAM & EVE TO BE FRUITFUL.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

JOHN 15:5-8 | NIV

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

JOHN 15:16 | NIV

2. GOD COMMANDS US TO BEAR SPIRITUAL FRUIT.

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

GENESIS 1:28 | NIV

3. GOD COMMANDED ADAM & EVE TO MULTIPLY .

4. GOD COMMANDS US TO MAKE DISCIPLES .

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19-20 | NIV

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GENESIS 1:28 | NIV

5. GOD COMMANDED ADAM & EVE TO FILL THE EARTH .

6. GOD COMMANDS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD .

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8 | NIV

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

ROMANS 12:2 | NIV

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

MATTHEW 5:13 | NIV

7. GOD COMMANDED ADAM & EVE TO SUBDUE THE EARTH .

8. GOD COMMANDS US TO PARTNER WITH HIM IN ADVANCING

HIS KINGDOM .

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Being fruitful is taking what God has given you, bringing something forth, and cultivating it. Can you think of anyone you know who reflects this? What is unique about them that comes to mind?
3. It was mentioned that all Christians are called to participate in disciple making. What does this look like in our life?
4. As Adam & Eve were called to fill the earth, the church is called to go into the world. This can be to foreign countries, but it also can be to local people groups that you are unfamiliar with. How comfortable are you with cross cultural interactions? Would you say you are rather competent cross culturally, or somewhat inexperienced? Explain.
5. God's kingdom is advanced as more and more people allow Him to reign and rule in their hearts, but it starts with us. Is God reigning and ruling in your heart? Why or why not?