



Made to Multiply | Sunday, October 4, 2026

(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: If your home group had a pumpkin-carving contest, what would your design be?

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your Home Group!

Announcements

Citizens Kids Ministry

For the next 6 weeks, our church will unite to meet one of the most pressing needs before us...leaders in the Preschool and Elementary ministries! Buckle up for this number - they need as many as 160 more leaders to make Sunday mornings happen! WOW! This is our opportunity as the Home Groups ministry to join in discipling the next generation at our Church. Making disciples is the call of every follower of Jesus. NOT TO MENTION, this will allow us to no longer employ Kids Care workers.

Consider how your home group could serve as individuals or as an entire group. Adults can serve once a month, bi-weekly or weekly. The

best way to serve is with someone you know from your Home Group. This will create a new and deeper relationship with one another. You can even be trained as an entire group and adopt a class! Talk about this opportunity with your group this week! Email kids@citizenschurch.com for more information.

Fall Serve Opportunities

- Alpha Comets Meals
- Monthly Sending Prayer (October 18)
- Everyday Evangelism (November 8)

Read God's Word Aloud

Genesis 1:26-31 (ESV)

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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

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." 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.

Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to “get through” every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.

Start here: Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon.

- What does it mean in your life to “be fruitful and multiply”? What does it not mean?
- What areas of your life could become more fruitful spiritually, relationally, or practically?
- What does it mean to responsibly care for and manage God’s creation? How can we do that as a home group?
- In Genesis 1:28, God blesses humanity before giving the assignment. How does that order shape the way you understand your purpose and responsibilities?

- Cain's violence and Babel's ambition reveal how sin distorts our purpose. Where do comparison, conflict, or the desire to make a name for yourself shape your daily life?

- What connections do you see between Genesis 1:26-31 and Matthew 28:16-20? How do Jesus' authority and promised presence give you confidence to participate in his mission?

- Who has helped you follow Jesus, and what did they do that made a difference? Who could you intentionally help follow Jesus, and what specific step could you take this week?

Finish here: Spend time discussing ways that you can encourage and remind one another of the truths from God's word throughout this next week. Pray for one another using the prayer guidance provided below.

Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Thank You for creating us with purpose and blessing us with the responsibility to care for the world You have made.

May our lives reflect Your goodness and bring glory to Your name.

Lord, help us to be fruitful, grow in You, and use what You have given us to bless others. Guide us to fulfill the purpose You have for our lives. Amen.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for October

If you abide in my word, you are truly my
disciples, and you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free.

John 8:31b-32 (ESV)