

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

# Sermon Study

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Salvation Promise

Genesis 1:26-31

## vision

Eastview  
Christian  
Church is a  
fearless church  
of Christ  
followers whose  
ridiculous love  
and dangerous  
witness are  
irresistible.



*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

**Gather** (your group getting to know each other)

1. If you compared your work week to God's work during creation week, how would you describe it (empty and formless, fruitful, good, very good, dark, etc.)?

2. What is the most creative project you have ever attempted?

**Go**  
(your group on mission)

Discuss how you can truly be fruitful and multiply Christ followers. Lift each other up in prayer in this area.

## **Grow** (your group growing as Christ-followers)

1. Read Genesis 1:26-31.

2. Considering what you know about God, what does it mean for us to be created in God's image?

3. What are the three sets of terms for us in this covenant?

4. "Be fruitful and multiply." These two distinctive Hebrew words recur throughout Genesis as part of the divine blessing (Read Genesis 9:1, 7; 17: 20; 28:3; 35:11; and 48:4). How is this both a command and a blessing?

5. What New Testament verses come to mind that reinforce this part of the salvation promise? (Read and compare Acts 12:24 and Galatians 5:22).

6. "Fill the earth and subdue it." The term "subdue" (Hebrew *kabash*) elsewhere means to bring a people or land into subjection so that it will yield service to the one subduing it (Read Numbers 32:22, 29). Keep them in mind when we study Joshua. But here how large a task is this for Adam and his successors? What obstacles might there be?

7. What New Testament command and blessing are a continuation of this promise/covenant? (Read and compare Matthew 28:18-20)

8. "Have dominion. . . ." What makes us God's choice to have dominion over every living thing? How does this position contradict the current cultural worldview of some?

9. As God's steward over all creation, what adjectives describe how we are to exercise this dominion?

10. Re-read verses 29-31. Describe God's provision.

11. What was God's perspective on this covenant and salvation promise on the sixth day of creation?

12. How is this a message of salvation to Adam and his successors to the covenant?

13. How can you receive and fulfill the salvation promise and be fruitful and multiply?

14. How are you a part of the filling the earth and subduing it today?

**Give**  
(your group serving each other)

Spend time being transparent about how you may not be fulfilling the calling to "have dominion". Lift each other up in prayer in this area.