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IN GENESIS

## Week 9: Be Fruitful and Multiply

Monday, March 31, 2025

Genesis 8:18-9:3, Matthew 28:16-20

### **Weekly Overview:**

As Noah emerges from the ark, he steps into the world with not only a promise from God, but instruction from God. The instruction for Noah to “be fruitful and multiply” is one of the most common phrases in the whole bible. But what does it mean? And who is the instruction for? Was it for just Noah? Or does the instruction apply to us today too? In this message we will explore the theological understanding of “be fruitful and multiply” and how it relates to the great commission mandate that came from Jesus thousands of years later.

### **For Your Own Spiritual Walk**

1. How do you interpret God’s command to “be fruitful and multiply” in your own spiritual journey, and what does it mean for you personally?
2. In what ways can you actively seek to bear fruit in your life, reflecting the character of God and His mission?
3. How does the Great Commission relate to your personal call as a follower of Christ, and how can you respond to that call in your daily life?

### **For Your Work Life and Relationships**

1. How can you encourage a culture of growth and productivity among your colleagues, reflecting the principles of being fruitful in your workplace?
2. What steps can you take to ensure that your professional relationships are nurtured and developed in a way that aligns with God’s design for community?
3. How might your understanding of the Great Commission influence your approach to teamwork and collaboration in your role at the university?

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### **For Your Interactions With Students**

1. How can you inspire students to understand and embrace the call to be fruitful in their own lives, both academically and spiritually?
2. What initiatives or programs could you implement to help students see the connection between their education and the Great Commission?
3. How can you foster an environment where students feel empowered to multiply their gifts and talents for the benefit of others and the glory of God?

How is this resource working for you? How is God using it to form you? Are there ways we can improve it? How can we pray for you? If you've got questions or thoughts, we invite you to be in touch with us. Send us an email at:

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