



## SESSION 1 | CREATION

### Genesis 1:26-28, 31

<sup>26</sup> 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.”

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

<sup>28</sup> 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...” <sup>31</sup> 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.”

“...image...”

“...likeness...”

“...subdue...”

“...dominion...”

## **Genesis 2:7**

“<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD God **formed** the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man became a **living creature**.”

**“...formed...”**

**“...breath of life...”**

**“...living creature...”**

## **Genesis 2:15**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man & put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

**“...put him...”**

**“...work...”**

**“...keep...”**

## **Genesis 2:16-18**

“<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God **commanded** the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” <sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a **helper** fit for him.”

Adam was given life, commissioned, commanded, and given a helper to take dominion in a place. He was responsible for dominion as a leader, provider, and protector. When he failed chaos ensued!

Men, you have been given life, commissioned, commanded, and given a helper (or plenty of opportunity for a helper) to take dominion in a place. You are responsible for dominion as a leader, provider, and protector. Where you fail, chaos ensues.

As a **Leader** I am responsible...

As a **Provider** I am responsible....

As a **Protector** I am responsible...

## Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Jesus has reclaimed God's dominion by obeying all of God's commands and giving His life for His bride, the church. Jesus is our only hope as the sacrificial leader, protector, and provider.

Jesus, the **Sacrificial Leader** who...

Jesus, the **Sacrificial Provider** who...

Jesus, the **Sacrificial Protector** who...

Your responsibilities as a man must be summed up with the gospel. Where they are not, the chaos of sin and death will produce hopelessness and despair for yourself and others.

**A Gospel Centered Leader, Protector, and Provider**

## **First steps in taking dominion...**

Plan a moment soon to confess and repent before your wife (and anyone else) who your failed leadership is causing chaos. Ask a friend to hold you accountable to this.

Read a passage of the Bible and spend moments alone in prayer each day

Pray with your wife (and kids) once each day.

## Homework

**Read:** Genesis 1-3, Psalm 1-2, Colossians 1, & Hebrews 1.

Where has God placed you in His world to dominate?

What contexts are you called to bring order to chaos and use for God's glory?

What skills and resources has God equipped you with to take dominion in the world?

How are you currently bringing order to the chaos in the world around you?

- Suggested places: work, school, home, organizations, neighborhoods, community...

<b>Place</b>	<b>Equipped</b>	<b>Order (Glory) Displayed</b>

What is one desire you have to take dominion and have not done so out of fear? What plans, goals, or dreams do you have? How can you take a step or steps toward this goal for the glory of God? Write this out and begin to pray for God's guidance, strength and boldness to take the first step.

List specific responsibilities unique to your life in each of the following categories

As a **leader** I am responsible for...

As a **provider** I am responsible for...

As a **protector** I am responsible for...

Where can you clearly see chaos in the lives of others because you are failing to take dominion? Be specific.

Who is struggling? How are they struggling? What does this chaos look like?

What specific steps will you take to establish dominion for the sake of others?

- Suggested Areas: home, dating, marriage, parenting, finances, health, work, career, church, education/training...

Area of Chaos	Affect on Others	Responsibility

How will you be a more intentional gospel-centered **leader, protector, and provider**?

I will be a **gospel-centered leader** by...

I will be a **gospel-centered protector** by...

I will be a **gospel-centered provider** by...