

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



Made for More

Genesis 1:26-2:20

Big Idea: I am made for more than my own little kingdom. I am made to rule as God's representative over His creation by expansively establishing order for His glory and to find my fulfillment in Him.

1. Made for Dominion – to Rule over Creation Under Him as His Representatives
2. Made for Work, Procreation, and Creation Care – the Details of Dominion
3. Made for Rest and Fulfillment – the Blessings that come with Dominion

Discussion Questions:

1. If God is the King over creation, why do you think He would allow mankind to rule over His world?
2. Collectively as a whole, do you think mankind has done a good job ruling over God's world? Why or why not?
3. How is the "image of God" related to the command to "have dominion"?
4. How can you personally and practically be involved in God's command to "have dominion" over the earth on a daily and individual basis?
5. How does this passage affect how you approach your "secular job"?
6. Does "having dominion" mean that mankind gets to use the earth and its resources however we want? Explain.
7. What should we do when our worship and "Sabbath" starts to feel like a burden rather than a blessing? (See Mark 2:23-28)
8. What are ways in which we tend to "live for our own little kingdom" rather than God's glory?
9. How would you apply this passage to someone...
 - Going through a "mid-life crisis" (or general "existential crisis")?
 - Who recently graduated high school and is seeking direction for their life?
 - Who hates their job and finds no fulfillment in it?
 - Whose "workaholic" mindset never seems to find time for God or family?