

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

May: Practical Dominion

Week 2 – Fill the earth and subdue it

Introduction

Man is not the only creature that God blessed and gave the mandate to be fruitful and multiply; not even the first. Genesis 1:22 shows us that the creatures of the sea and the birds of the air received similar mandates. Man is also not the only creature that God commanded to fill its environment. But man **IS** the only creature that is tasked with subduing his. So, the first three steps to dominion – fruitfulness, multiplication and filling his environment are not unique to man. But as a combination, filling the earth and subduing it at the same time are two unique mandates given only to man. In today's study we will explore what this means for us. When God gave this command, what did He have in mind for those of us reading the bible **today**?

Pilot text

[Gen 1:28](#) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”.

- What does it mean to fill the earth? [Open discussion]
- What is the connection between filling the earth and subduing it?
 - [Exo 1:7-10](#)
- In what practical areas does God expect us to fill the earth and subdue it?
 - [Matt 5:14-16](#), [Matt 10:16](#), [Acts 1:8](#), [2 Cor 5:20](#), [1 Pet 3:15](#), [Prov 18:16](#), [2 Tim 1:6](#), [Phm 1:6](#), [1 Pet 4:10](#)
- Take home actions
 - Consider whether you are you using your gifts as God expects you to. What needs to change?

Note:

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