

## MADE TO MULTIPLY

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Foundations // Genesis 1:20-28; 9:1-7**

### Message Context

God created mankind in His image and blessed them with a purpose: to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it, and rule over creation under His authority. This multiplication begins in the home through marriage, children, and faithful parenting, but it does not end there. Through Christ and the Great Commission, every believer is called to multiply God's glory by making disciples, investing in the next generation, and living with purpose in whatever season of life God has given them.

### CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. What is something you have seen multiply quickly: a plant, a family tradition, a habit, a trend, or even a mess in your house
2. Growing up, what did your family, church, or culture communicate about children, family, and success? What are some ways our culture today tends to view children more as interruptions than blessings?

### REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. **Read Genesis 1:20-28 and Genesis 9:1-7.** What stands out to you most from a fresh reading of these passages, and is there anything from the message that you want to be sure we don't miss as a group?
4. In Genesis 1:28, God blesses mankind and then commands them to "be fruitful and multiply." Why is it important to see fruitfulness as part of God's blessing rather than merely a burden or obligation?
5. The sermon contrasted plants, animals, and mankind: plants multiply through process, animals through predisposition, but mankind multiplies with purpose. What does that teach us about human responsibility before God?
6. Pastor Jeremy said that mankind does not merely multiply "our kind," but multiplies image-bearers of God. How should that change the way we think about children, parenting, discipleship, and mission?
7. Genesis 9 repeats the command to be fruitful and multiply after the flood. What does that show us about God's design continuing even after sin entered the world?
8. Pastor Jeremy said, "Children are a blessing to pursue, not an inconvenience to put off." Where do you see our culture pushing against that truth, and where can Christians be tempted to believe the same lie?
9. How can we hold up the goodness of children and family while also being tender toward those who are single, infertile, grieving, abandoned, or walking through a family situation that does not reflect God's good design?

10. **Read Deuteronomy 6:4–9 and Ephesians 6:4.** Why is faithful parenting one of the most important forms of disciple-making?
11. The sermon said, “Every generation is just one generation away from total paganism.” What responsibility does that place on parents, grandparents, Life Group members, and the church as a whole?
12. Pastor Jeremy reminded us that fruitful multiplication does not only happen through biological children. How can fostering, adoption, serving in children’s ministry, student ministry, mentoring, hospitality, and evangelism all participate in multiplying God’s glory?
13. **Read Matthew 28:18–20.** How does the Great Commission continue the mission God gave in Genesis 1:28? Where is one place God may be calling you to multiply His glory right now — in your home, workplace, neighborhood, Life Group, ministry team, or family relationships?

#### 🕒 PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

14. This topic can touch tender places: infertility, miscarriage, singleness, divorce, abortion, regret, parenting struggles, or family wounds. How can this group pray for and care for one another with both truth and compassion?
15. Is there any area where comfort, career, finances, fear, or control may be keeping you from obeying God’s call to fruitful multiplication?
16. What is one tangible step you can take this week to multiply God’s glory — discipling your children, serving the next generation, mentoring someone younger, opening your home, sharing the gospel, exploring foster/adoption care, or investing in someone spiritually? Name it specifically so the group can pray and follow up.

Pray that God would help each person receive His design as good, repent where needed, trust His kindness in painful places, and live with purpose to multiply His glory in their home, church, community, and among the nations.

#### Announcements

**Worship Night: August 28 at 7pm** – Our Director of Worship, Selena Boyts, is planning an evening of worship. Save the date – more details to come.

**Emerald Crossing Summer Bible Camp: July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** – For Ages 2 and up! [nvf.life/kidscamp](http://nvf.life/kidscamp)

#### Resources for Going Deeper

- [Tell the Truth About Children | Desiring God](#) – Helpful reminder about what the Bible says about Children and therefore, how we should respond.
- Meditate on these Scriptures: **Psalm 127; Deut. 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:1-4**