REQUIREMENTS FOR A MULTIPLYING MISSION

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The Search for Significance // Genesis 9:1-19

Message Context

After surviving the flood, Noah and his family stepped into a world forever changed by God's judgment. Yet rather than calling them to remain near the safety of the ark, God renewed His command to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. In Genesis 9, God provided what they needed, reminded them that life belongs to Him, established His covenant promises, and demonstrated His mercy. Pastor Jeremy connected this multiplying mandate to the Great Commission given to the church, reminding us that God has called us to multiply His glory on the earth. We can faithfully participate in this mission because God provides what we need, calls us to surrender what belongs to Him, and sustains us through His promises and grace.

🔗 CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. Have you ever experienced something that changed the way you approached similar situations afterward? How did that experience affect your decisions?
2. When you think about sharing your faith or participating in God's mission, what tends to make you hesitant or uncomfortable?

🕮 REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. **Read Genesis 9:1-19.** What stands out to you most from a fresh reading of the passage, and is there anything from the message that you want to be sure we don't miss as a group?
4. God commands Noah and his family to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth (Genesis 9:1, 7). How does this command connect to Genesis 1:28, and what does it reveal about God's continuing purposes for creation?
5. Pastor Jeremy connected God's command to Noah with the Great Commission in **Matthew 28:18–20**. What similarities and differences do you see between these two mandates? How do they help us understand our mission to multiply God's glory on the earth?
6. In Genesis 9:1–3, God provides Noah and his family with what they need to carry out His command. How do these provisions demonstrate God's generosity and common grace? What provisions from God do we often take for granted?
7. Jesus reminds us in John 15:5 that apart from Him we can do nothing. How should recognizing our complete dependence upon Christ change the way we approach evangelism, discipleship, and other opportunities to serve Him?
8. Genesis 9:5–6 emphasizes the value of human life because mankind was created in God's image. How should this truth shape the way we view and interact with other people, including those who are different from us or difficult to love?

9. Pastor Jeremy emphasized that our lives belong to God. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 and Romans 12:1.** How does Christ's sacrifice change the way we understand our ownership of our lives and our responsibility to glorify God? What are some areas in our lives that we have trouble surrendering?
10. In Genesis 9:8–17, God establishes His covenant with Noah, his descendants, and every living creature. What is significant about God taking the initiative to establish this covenant? What does this reveal about His faithfulness and grace?
11. God gave Noah a promise that would allow him to move forward rather than live in fear of another flood. How can remembering God's promises help us overcome fear, uncertainty, or reluctance to obey Him?
12. Pastor Jeremy stated, "The rainbow is judgment withheld. The cross is judgment satisfied." **Read Romans 3:21–26.** How does the cross demonstrate both God's justice against sin and His gracious provision of salvation for sinners?
13. The rainbow serves as a sign of God's covenant promise. How does God's promise to preserve the world demonstrate His patience toward sinful humanity? **Read 2 Peter 3:9**. What should God's patience motivate us to do?
14. Jesus concludes the Great Commission with the promise, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). How does this promise encourage you as you consider your personal responsibility to make disciples and multiply God's glory on the earth?

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

15. Who is your "one?" Someone in your regular circle of relationships who needs to hear the gospel. How can your group pray specifically for that person and encourage you to pursue gospel conversations?
16. Are there fears or feelings of inadequacy that are preventing you from taking a step of obedience in sharing the gospel or making disciples?
17. What is one practical step you can take this week to intentionally invest in your one and create opportunities for gospel conversations? How can your Life Group encourage and hold you accountable in this effort?

Announcements

Thanksgiving Meal: November 24th @ 6:00 pm – Sign-up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EA8A92AA7F4CF8-66998325-church?useFullSite=true#/

Love My Neighbor Day: Mayodan Christmas Stroll: December 4th – Sign-up at https://my.nvf.life/stroll

Resources for Going Deeper

- **The Sign of the Rainbow:** https://learn.ligonier.org/articles/how-is-the-rainbow-a-sign-of-the-covenant
- **Who's Your One:** https://nvf.life/one/