

Be Fruitful

February 2 & 5, 2017

(Genesis 1:11-12) Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

(Genesis 1:26-28) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

- ✓ Relationships are spiritual.
- ✓ Relationships have a lasting impact.
- ✓ Relationship choices are critical.

Critical Questions

(Proverbs 27:19 GN) A mirror reflects a man's face but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.

1. Am I nurturing important relationships?

(Galatians 5:13-15) Serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

2. Am I severing harmful relationships?

(Proverbs 13:20) He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

(1 Corinthians 15:33) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

(Proverbs 12:26) A righteous man is cautious in friendships...

(2 Corinthians 6:14) Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

3. Am I initiating meaningful relationships?

(Hebrews 10:25) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

✓ Relationship with God.

(Romans 10:9 NLT) If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

✓ Relationship with a church.

(Ephesians 2:19 LB) Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

✓ Relationship with a small group.

(Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT) Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

2017 Winter Small Groups

- New Small Group Semester begins this week!
- 13 week semester (Week of) February 5 - May 7
- All types of groups available but most fall into the categories of:
 - Students
 - Men
 - Women
 - Mixed
 - Prayer
 - Financial
- Group Directory is located at our information booth and online!