

“So That They May Rule”

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Main Point: From Genesis 1 to Revelation 22, the mission of humankind is to rule over _____ of creation with God and for him.

ACT 1: Creation

- God could have _____ the first creation all on his own
- But he chose to fill, subdue, and rule this world in _____ with you and me via the First Commission
 - “Be fruitful and increase in number” = _____
 - “fill the earth” = create _____
 - “subdue” = make the world more useful for other human beings’ _____ and _____
 - “rule” = partner with God in the _____ of his Kingdom
- God deemed the spiritual *and* _____ realms “good”

ACT 2: Fall

- Adam and Eve tried to be _____ rather than vice-regents
- The curse _____ every square inch of creation—spiritual *and* material
- Our First Commission to rule is now _____, but is not itself *the* curse

ACT 3: Redemption

- Christ spent roughly _____ of his adult life as a carpenter
- Christ redeemed _____ of creation—spiritual *and* material
 - If Jesus didn’t redeem both the spiritual and material then his victory is at best a _____ one.

- Because Jesus redeemed the spiritual and material world, we can be confident that our _____ with the spiritual and material world matters to God.
- While Christ has not saved us _____ our works, he *has* saved us _____ the “good works which he prepared in advance for us to do.”

ACT 4: Renewal

- God could have finished the _____ creation all on his own
- But he chose to do that work in _____ with you and me
- Today we are called to a _____ vocation, the Great *and* First Commissions, to implement Christ’s authority over the spiritual *and* material realms

ACT 5: Consummation

- God alone will _____ the marriage between heaven and earth
- The Kingdom of Heaven will be spiritual _____ material
- And we will _____ with him and for him forever

Your Response

- Embrace your role in the First Commission to rule your _____ with excellence, love, and in accordance with our King’s commands
- Embrace your role in the Great Commission to make disciples _____ about the First Commission
- Let your hope be fueled by the promise of reigning _____ forever and ever