

# The First Great Commission

## Genesis 1

### 1. To understand ourselves we need to understand the First Great Commission (Genesis 1-2)

- *God made everything good (1:10,12,18,21,25,31)*
- *God made humanity in his image (1:27)*

#### **GOD TASKED US**

- **To Reproduce, to Fill the Earth and to Subdue It (1:27)**
- **To Work the Garden and Take Care of it (2:15)**

**‘The Cultural Mandate’**

## **2. To understand human life and society now, we need to understand the First Great Commission in relation to the Fall (Genesis 3-11)**

### *1. The Fall brought Alienation in Three Crucial Relationships (3)*

- God and humanity (3:22-24)
- Human beings from each other (3:16)
- Humanity and our environment/work (3:17-19)

### *2. Fallen humanity continues the First Great Commission (4-11)*

- Positively - 4: 17-22
- Negatively - Genesis 11

**3. To understand God's will for our lives now we need to understand the First Great Commission in relation to Jesus (Genesis 12 – Revelation 22)**

*1. God's plan of redemption*

- Genesis 12

*2. Jesus the leader of the new humanity, redeeming the whole creation*

- Hebrews 2: 5 – 10
- Ephesians 1: 9-10.

*3. Christian mission in the world –two great commissions and two great commandments*

- Matthew 28: 16-20.
- Matthew 12: 28-31