

“We Are to Be Image Bearers”

Genesis 1:28; 9:1

Tuesday Bible Lunch

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Introduction: Unlike the rest of creation, men and women are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). The NLT translates these verses in today’s language.

- As God’s children, we are symbols of God Himself to the world.
- We are to be image bearers.

After creating human beings, God told them to be fruitful and multiply and to fill the earth...” (Genesis 1:28).

- In Genesis 9:1, God told Noah and his sons to do the same thing.

To be fruitful and multiply seems to be what we emphasize and remember.

- The phrase “fill the earth” seems to get lost in what God said.
- God wanted the whole earth populated with His image bearers.

Christians should be image bearers wherever they are or go.

- Our words and our ways should be images of God’s words and God’s ways.
- We should fill the earth where we go as image bearers.

Illustration: The religious rulers realized Peter and John had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13). Peter and John were good image bearers.

Application: We should do what we can to fill the earth as image bearers in places we cannot physically go.

- Support God's work in parts of the earth we ourselves cannot go.
- Radio ministry
- Booklets
- Guadalajara Children's home
- Haitian church in Boston
- Samaritan's Purse Israel project--\$100,000

Application: We should do what we can to fill the earth as image bearers in places we can and do go.

Illustration: I saw this twice last Friday and once yesterday.

1. Scott Yates—mustard seed
2. Dottie—Berkley eye center
3. C J Stroud, quarterback of the Texans said, "Football is my platform. Spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ is my purpose."

(To hear these examples, listen to the message on the church web page www.fbp.org).