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**part six**



How does God speak **purpose**  
and vision in the **Beginning**?



<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.”

**Genesis 1:28a NIV**



This scripture is what is called  
the **Cultural Mandate.**

In this two-fold mandate God  
is basically telling us to:



In this two-fold mandate God is basically telling us to:

- **Populate**



In this two-fold mandate God is basically telling us to:

- **Populate**
- **Cultivate**






God is calling humanity to take the **garden** He created and spread it out around the **world**.






<sup>1</sup> At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. <sup>2</sup> As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.

## **Genesis 11:1-4 NLT**



<sup>3</sup> They began saying to each other, “Let’s make bricks and harden them with fire.” (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) <sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world.”

## **Genesis 11:1-4 NLT**



<sup>5</sup> But the Lord came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. <sup>6</sup> “Look!” he said. “The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! <sup>7</sup> Come, let’s go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won’t be able to understand each other.”

## **Genesis 11:5–9 NLT**



<sup>8</sup> In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. <sup>9</sup> That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the Lord confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.

## **Genesis 11:5-9 NLT**



How does God speak **purpose**  
and vision in the New Testament?




<sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.

**Matthew 28:19 NLT**



<sup>8</sup> “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”


**Acts 1:8 NLT**



<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**Acts 2:38-41 NLT**






<sup>39</sup> “This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” <sup>40</sup> Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

**Acts 2:38-41 NLT**




<sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

**Acts 2:38-41 NLT**




<sup>12</sup> The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade.

## **Acts 5:12-14 NLT**



<sup>13</sup> But no one else dared to join them, even though all the people had high regard for them. <sup>14</sup> Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women.

## **Acts 5:12-14 NLT**



A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria.

<sup>4</sup> But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

**Acts 8:1b, 4 NLT**



There are two different words in the ancient Greek language for the idea of “scattered”.

One has the idea of scattering in the sense of making something disappear, like scattering someone’s ashes.

The other word has the idea of scattering in the sense of **planting** or **sowing** seeds. This is the ancient Greek word used here.




So what does all this mean for  
you and me?



In our daily lives we are going to  
have to decide if we will answer  
His **call.**





<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

**Matthew 4:18–19 NIV**

Jesus is calling His disciples  
in two ways:



Jesus is calling His disciples  
in two ways:

- **Follow** me



Jesus is calling His disciples  
in two ways:

- **Follow** me
- Fish for **people**





Jesus is saying I want to use your knowledge, experience, giftings, personality to do more than just catch **fish**.

Jesus wants to leverage who you are and what you do to help rescue **people**.



In our daily lives we are going to have to decide if we are going to **settle** or **scatter**.



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**Mark 4:3-4a**



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<sup>14</sup> The farmer plants seed by taking God’s word to others.

## **Mark 4:14 NLT**





Are we going to be a people that live for **safety** and comfort and settle or are we going to be a people that will **scatter** like Jesus called us to?