



Sunday May 27, 2018
Reigning in Life

Created for dominion

We see that in God's original intent and design, man and woman were created to have dominion over the earth.

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Now we know that because of "the Fall" we lost our place of dominion and became subservient to the devil on the earth. So satan and his demons to harass us, oppress us, and so on.

Redeemed to reign

In Christ's redemptive work, in redeeming us from "the Fall" He restored us in our relationship with God and also restored us in our place of dominion on the earth.

Romans 5:17

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Positioned to dominate

Spiritually, we have been positioned to dominate.

Ephesians 2:4-6

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

Let's talk now briefly on what we have dominion over, and then we will look at an important key to exercising dominion to reign in life. We see in Scripture that as believers we have

- 1) Dominion over demons
- 2) Dominion over the world
- 3) Dominion over circumstances and situations

Dominion over demons

Luke 10:19

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.



share how we use this in daily life

Dominion over the world

In the Greek the word 'world' is Cosmos, and in Biblical usage, it usually represents the whole system of evil and rebellion against God.

1 John 5:1,4

1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

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Dominion over circumstances

Luke 8:22-25

22 Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out.

23 But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

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Faith dominates

1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

One very important key to walking in dominion and reigning in life is to walk in faith - faith in God and His Word.

share how we do this practically.

Prayer & Ministry Time



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Genesis 1:26-27; Romans 5:17; Ephesians 2:4-6*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Discuss these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

- 1, Reflect on God's original intent in creating man with and for dominion on the earth.*
- 2, Discuss the Biblical truth that Christ has redeemed us to reign and also positioned us to dominate. Why is that many believers do not walk in this realm?*
- 3, Discuss how we exercise (A)Dominion over demons (Luke 10:19), (B)Dominion over the world (1 John 5:1,4) and (C)Dominion over circumstances (Luke 8:22-25) in everyday life, through faith in God.*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.



FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

Close by thanking God together.