

## SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### Learn to Obey Jesus

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Matthew 28:16-20 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! <sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <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. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**Disciple:** A person who has decided to follow and learn from Jesus, so they become like Jesus, and engage in Jesus' work and mission in the world. Disciples are students, learners, and apprentices of Jesus, who have King Jesus as their primary allegiance.

- **Disciples of Jesus not only love and identify with Jesus, but they obey all that He has commanded.**

Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. <sup>22</sup> On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ <sup>23</sup> But I will reply, ‘I never knew you.’ “

- **Obedience is not optional if we are followers of Jesus.**

- **Our obedience is not what saves us, it is proof that we have been saved.**

<sup>1</sup> John 2:3-5 “And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. <sup>4</sup>If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. <sup>5</sup>But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.”

**Big Idea: We learn obedience as we get to know God and His loving commands.**

### How do we get to know God?

John 15:15 “I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.”

- **We aren't just obedient for Jesus, we are obedient with Jesus.**

### How do we get to know God's loving commands?

- **Hang on to the Bible.**

2 Timothy 3:14-17 “But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. <sup>15</sup> You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”

- **Hang on to the one who is in command.**

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).*



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- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you? What was your most significant takeaway?

3) What comes to mind when you think about obedience? Is this a positive or negative connotation for you? Why is this the case? How does your view of obedience affect your view of being obedient to God?

4) In what way is God teaching you obedience? Are there ways you see obedience to Jesus as optional in your life? Explain?

5) Reflect on Matthew 7:21-23. How does Jesus say obedience connects to being his disciple? Can we be a disciple if we refuse to acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our life?

6) Read 1 John 2:3-5, and reflect on what it means for you to know God. Would you say you know God? What can you build into your life to know God more?

7) Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What value does God's Word bring to our lives?

8) How has your perception of God shaped your view of his commands? How does the sacrifice of Jesus help you trust God, when God's commands go against what you want to do?

9) In what way is God asking you to take steps of obedience today? Pray for one another as you choose to follow and obey the Lord.



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