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Making All Things New, March 27 - 2016

- 1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
  - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
  - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
  - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
  - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
  - In what ways have you been able to Share about Jesus this week?
  - What would it look like if we treated each other and our neighbours as family? Think about BLESS through the lens of "family."
- 2. What do you think of when you think of renewal and restoration? Where have you seen a picture of this in your life or community?
- 3. What did you find significant about the message Making All Things New?
- 4. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Why did Paul highlight these aspects about the death and resurrection of Christ? How does this "saying" give you confidence? What questions does it raise for you?
- 5. Read Romans 8:18-25. What do you learn in this passage about the future? In what way is our redemption connected to the redemption of all creation?
- 6. Discuss the merits of NT Wright's quote from Surprised by Hope. How does this impact our mission as The Church the people of God?
- 7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. In light of the renewal of all things, what does this Scripture exhort us to do? What implications does this have for you? How can you apply this at home, at work or school, with your church family, and in your community?

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#### SEQUOIA NOTES Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Making All Things New

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor Easter Sunday - March 27, 2016



1 Corinthians 15:17-20

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Big Idea: The <u>resurrection</u> of Jesus is the beginning of God's <u>new</u> <u>project</u> to make all things new.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. <sup>2</sup> It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. <sup>3</sup> I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup> He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>5</sup> He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

1 Corinthians 15:58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

#### Because of the resurrection we can work, <u>enthusiastically</u> for Jesus, to "colonize earth with the life of heaven." \*\*

"Every act of love, every deed done in Christ and by the Spirit, every work of true creativity - doing justice, making peace, healing families, resisting temptation, seeking and winning true freedom - is an earthly event in a long history of things that implement Jesus's own resurrection and anticipate the final new creation and act as signposts of hope, pointing back to the first and on to the second." \*\*NT Wright - Surprised by Hope