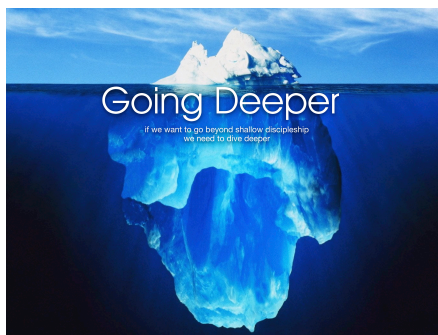


SEQUOIA NOTES

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

Be Before You Do

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
October 10, 2021
Happy Thanksgiving!



Which image do you identify most with today?



Do you want to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ & experience the adventure of following Him?

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT) As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. 40 But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." 41 But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! 42 There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

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- **Being with Jesus is more important than doing things for Jesus.**

- **Healthy disciples of Jesus practice "being" before "doing".**

"A person who practices being before doing operates from a place of emotional and spiritual fullness, deeply aware of themselves, others, and God. As a result, their being with God is sufficient to sustain their doing for God." Peter Scazzaro

- **The active life in the world for God can only properly flow from a deep inner life with God.**

John 15:4-10 (The Message) "Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me. 5-8 "I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples. 9-10 "I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love."

Big Idea: As a disciple of Jesus make an unrelenting commitment to "being" over "doing".

- **Make a commitment to pursue your relationship with Jesus with more intensity.**

Take the Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Inventory
<https://www.emotionallyhealthy.org/mature/personal-assessment/>

- **Integrate silence into your time with God.**

Centering Prayer App

- **Commune with Jesus throughout the day.**

The Daily Office App, Jesus Calling devotional



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- 2) Read Luke 10:38-42. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
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- 5) What does this passage reveal to us about the importance of being in God's presence? How do we do that? Read John 15:4-10 for some help in this regard.
- 6) **Application:** How does this passage call on you to change the way you live? What will you do this week as a result of this teaching? What aspect of this teaching do you need to pass on to others?



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