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## SEQUOIA NOTES

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

#### Kingdom Life Together

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**Big Idea: The Kingdom LIFE can only be lived out in Kingdom COMMUNITY.**

#### 1. What is a Kingdom Community?

**Simplest form:** A community of people centred on JESUS and his KINGDOM.

Acts 2:42-47 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—<sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

*"A community of inclusive belonging where God's alternative Kingdom can be experienced. A community of belonging, benevolence, and blessing to the world."*

#### 2. Why is Kingdom Community essential to following Jesus?

- GOD is community. (John 1:1, Matthew 28:19)
- Humans were CREATED for community. (Genesis 2:18)
- We GROW only in community.
- The Christian identity REQUIRES community. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 28:18-20)

#### 3. How does Kingdom Community happen?

- When we stop seeking to USE community.
- When we realize it's not something WE CREATE.
- When we understand, embrace, and choose to live out our NEW IDENTITY with others.