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Living Like Family (#7 of 8) - June 5, 2016

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 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
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 - 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?

2. What did you find significant about the message? Was there anything in the message that spoke to you personally?

3. Share and discuss some ways that you live differently and that have caused others to WONDER about your faith? What kinds of things should a follower of Christ do differently?

4. Read Acts 2:42-47 Discuss the kind of family atmosphere experienced by the early church. What resonates with you and what are some ways that you can incorporate this kind of outward living into your impact community and life?

5. What part of the Gospel message most impacted you when you first heard it or what aspect of the Gospel do you find most compelling? How might this truth impact someone specific in your life?

6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-21. What is this passage telling us about the ways we are called to be different? What is it about this kind of living that would create an environment where others feel loved like family?

7. What are the areas in your life where you haven't always made people WONDER about you being different? What do you need to confess and where do you need God's grace?

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

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With Kevin Cuz, Athletes in Action -National University Director June 5, 2016

Big Idea: We can choose to $\underline{\text{LIVE}}$ and $\underline{\text{LOVE}}$ in a way that makes others $\underline{\text{WONDER.}}$

1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 (NLT)

¹² Dear brothers and sisters, honour those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance.¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. ¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

Living in ways of WONDER:

- 1) Live <u>PEACEFULLY</u> with one another.
- 2) <u>WARN</u> those who are <u>LAZY</u>.
- 3) ENCOURAGE the TIMID.
- 4) Take <u>CARE of those who are WEAK.</u>
- 5) Be PATIENT with EVERYONE.
- Paying Back Evil with Good:

How Can we Live and Love like Family?

- START at HOME.
- IMPACT with the CHURCH.
- TAKE it to the WORLD.

Honouring our Leaders:

What's so good about the GOOD NEWS First Thessalonians