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June 4, 2017

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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 is asking us to lean into?
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- 2) What challenged or encouraged you about this message?
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- 6) What does humility look like? What actions flow from a humble attitude? How would embracing this posture impact your relationships?
- 7) Read and reflect on Philippians 2:6-11. What does this passage tell us about the identity of Jesus? What does this passage reveal about the character of Jesus? How does God want you to respond to this truth?
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor

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Philippians 2:1-11 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour
and gave him the name above all other names,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Unity is important and influential.

John 17:20-21 "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."

Big Idea: Pursue Unity through Humility by Thinking like Jesus.

Pursue Unity: v. 1-2

Through Humility: v. 3-4

Thinking Like Jesus: v. 5-11

"The Christian gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and snivelling. Tim Keller - The Reason For God.

Action Steps:

- **Humble yourself by confessing your pride and selfishness.**
- **Practice the J.O.Y. Principle as a pathway to unity.**
 - **J = Submit to JESUS as your Saviour and King.**
 - **O = See OTHERS as more important.**
 - **Y = Serve others ahead of YOURSELF.**

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