

SEQUOIA NOTES

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

Hope Makes an Impact

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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Over the next 100 days we will take our church on a journey of faith that will help us activate our Impact Communities as the locus for disciple-making (deep & wide) at Sequoia.

Hebrews 10:20-25 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

• **Believe God's Promises.**

v. 23 "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise."

1. **God is who He says He is.**
2. **God can do what He says He can do.**
3. **I am who God says I am.**
4. **I can do all things in Christ.**
5. **God's word is alive and active in me. Beth Moore**

Matthew 4:4 "The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

• **Embody radical Love.**

v. 24 "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."

"We are saved by grace through faith alone, but not a faith that is alone." Martin Luther

Sequoia's Vision: We long to see thousands of people experience the Kingdom of Jesus together, wherever we live work, play, and go.

• **Prioritize corporate Worship.**

v. 25 "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

"No home or family can be its own 'church'; no household is a substitute for the household of God. We all need to locate our households in the household of God and to situate our families within the 'first family' of the church. To do this, we first need to see the ways the church's worship teaches us how to be families and households. Then we need to consider how our household [rhythms] can be nourished by and can propel us back into the [rhythms] of the body of Christ."

James K. A. Smith - You Are What You Love

Hebrews 10:20-22

Big Idea: Embrace the rhythms of Belief, Love, and Worship.

Commit to go on this journey with us for the next 100 Days.

- Download Sequoia App & receive notifications to receive the Promise each day.

Reflect on 3 questions:

- 1) **What does this promise reveal about God?**
- 2) **What is God saying to me through this promise?**
- 3) **What action step is God asking me to take?**

- **This week's Missional Challenge:** Commit to the 100 Day Journey & invite at least one other person to join you.



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#6 of 6 - October 4, 2020**

1) Take some time to discuss how your IC has been and will live out the Kingdom of Jesus together.

- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) In what way is the rowing 8's a good metaphor for the local church? What does it look like when the the church is in "full swing"?

4) Read Hebrews 10:20-25. Reflect on v. 23. What keeps us from "holding tightly without wavering" to our hope? Why are the promises of God critical to our hope?

5) Review the 5 statements from Beth Moore. Which aspect of these do you struggle to believe and why? What difference would it make in your life if you believed these truths? What is God saying to you in this regard?

6) Reflect on v. 24. Why must we "spur" one another on towards love and good deeds. How does this fit with our vision as church with Impact Communities?

7) Reflect on v. 25. Why is worship in the context of the local church important for us? What can this look like in these days of Covid?

8) What do you need to repent of today? Read and meditate on v. 20-22. What is true about you in Christ?

9) How are you feeling about 100 Days of Impact? What are you hoping to see happen through this journey? Commit to this journey and invite at least one other person to join you (who is that?).



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