

SEQUOIA NOTES

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

Celebrating our Life Together As a Family of Servants on Mission

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
June 9, 2019 - Impact Sunday



**It seems that God has created us in a way where we are made to imitate.
But who are we to imitate?**

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT) Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Big Idea: Imitate God and live a life filled with love. How do we do this?

• **Jesus is our motive.**

John 10:10 (NLT) “The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”

¹ John 4:19 (NIV) “We love because he first loved us.”

• **Jesus is our model.**

• **Love is displayed as self-sacrificing service.**

• **Jesus is our means.**

Romans 8:1-8 (NLT) So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. ⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

But how do we practically live this life of love in community at Sequoia?

• **Impact Communities are our method.**

• **Within Impact Communities we live out our identity as a Family of Servants on Mission.**

A call to action:

• **Receive the love and grace of God found in Jesus Christ.**

• **Find your place within an Impact Community.**



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**Celebrating our Life Together
#1 of 1 – June 9, 2019**

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? What was your most significant takeaway?

3) When you were growing up who or what did you tend to imitate?

4) Read Ephesians 5:1-2. Describe the context for this passage - Read before and after these verses. What do you learn about what Paul is seeking to communicate to the Ephesian church about imitating God?

5) Focusing on v. 2 in what way is Jesus our motive for living a life of love? Reflect on John 10:10 and 1 John 4:19.

6) In what way is Jesus our model for living a life filled with love? What does “self-sacrificing service” look like for you and your Impact Community?

7) Read and reflect on Romans 8:1-8 and discuss how living in the power of the Spirit is the means for living a life of love. In what ways have you found this to be helpful and in what ways has this been hard? What is the result of allowing the Spirit to control you? See v. 6.

8) How could you grow as an Impact Community so you better reflect being a Family of Servants on Mission? Where are you winning and where do you need improvement? What action steps will you take together?

9) What personal action steps is God asking you to take today to receive His love and grace and to find your place within an Impact Community?



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