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**The Invitation
October 21, 2018**

- 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 out our **family** identity recently? How will we do this in the next couple weeks?
 - 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) What did you find most helpful, encouraging or challenging in this message?
- 3) What did Jesus mean when he gave the invitation to people, “Come, follow me?” What are some of the “costs” of following Jesus, and are some of the “blessings” of following Jesus?
- 4) Read Ephesians 6:10-17 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What does it mean to live with a “wartime mentality?” In what ways are followers of Jesus to be like soldiers? Who is our enemy? How do followers of Jesus “fight”?
- 5) Read Luke 9:57-62. What does it mean that the cost of non-discipleship is greater than the cost of discipleship?
- 6) Read John 15:1-17. What are you doing, or will you start to do, to stay close to Jesus?
- 7) What will it look like for your Impact Community to be a “Kingdom-first” Community? A community that is marked by genuine love, a wartime mentality, regularly counts the cost, and chooses to follow and stay close to Jesus.



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SEQUOIA NOTES

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

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Big Idea: Christianity is not about getting into Heaven, but about living with and for King Jesus.

Question: What does it take to live with Jesus and His Kingdom as the true priorities in our lives?

1. Genuine love

Romans 12:9-10 *"Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other"*

2. A wartime mentality

Ephesians 6:10-17 *"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*

¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

3. Counting the cost

Mark 8:34 *"Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me."*

4. A choice

"Come, follow me." Jesus

"The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time." Carl F.H. Henry

5. Staying close

John 15:4 *"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me."*

The Invitation: Will you join the Kingdom Cause?

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