SEQUOIA NOTES

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

ADVENTure: Something New

With Aaron Richert, Multiply Team Leader December 6, 2015



Isaiah 9:1-7

- ¹ Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.
- ² The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.

For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

³ You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice.

They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder.

⁴ For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders.

You will break the oppressor's rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian.

⁵ The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned.

They will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His government and its peace will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

God did something **NEW** 2000 years ago and He wants to do something **NEW** in your life this Christmas!

A New Child/King Brought God's People...

- New **HOPE**
- A new experience of **GOD'S LOVE**
- New JOY
- New PEACE

The Life of this Child/King Resulted in...

- A new **COVENANT** (Luke 22:20)
- The availability of new **LIFE** (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- A new **PURPOSE** for life (2 Corinthians 5:15)
- A new **FUTURE** (Revelation 21:1, 5)

Big Idea: God's gift for us this Christmas is a new experience of IMMANUEL: God with us.



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- 2. An *adventure* is described as an "exciting or remarkable experience." Would you describe your current spiritual life as exciting or dull? Is a new/fresh experience of God something you hunger for?
- 3. The birth of Jesus brought hope, love, joy, and peace to God's people. Which of these are you currently experiencing in life? Which are lacking and would be an incredible *aift* to you this Christmas?
- 4. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What do the names given to this child say about the type of King he is? Which of these names/attributes of Jesus are especially meaningful to you today?
- 5. Read Ephesians 3:12, 14-21. Analyze this prayer of the Apostle Paul, taking note of the specific things he desires for all of God's people to experience. Which part of the prayer do you desire to experience most right now?
- 6. Read Revelation 21:1-7. What excites you most about the future that God has in store for His people? How should the knowledge of our future affect that we live in the present?
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