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**“Where Would We Go?” #1 of 5
Nov. 6, 2016**

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God’s Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
 - **What would it look like if we treated each other and our neighbours as family? Think about BLESS through the lens of “family.”**
2. What are some examples of things that people give their lives to and for?
3. Read John 6:26-27. In what ways do we seek Life in things that satisfy us? In what way is this okay and what way is this dangerous?
4. Read the quote from Saint Augustine. What does it mean to “rightly order our loves”? Why is this important? How does this relate to sin and grace?
5. Read John 6:27-30 and 6:55-58. How were these people seeking to be their own Saviours? Why do we struggle with given up control to Jesus? How does the Gospel help us to trust Jesus?
6. Read John 6:60-70. Why were some people leaving Jesus? What makes it hard to follow Christ?
7. What strikes you about Peter’s response to Jesus? How is his declaration still significant today? What impact does believing these words have on us as we live our lives?
8. Consider the idea of “writing a blank cheque” to Jesus. What will you deposit in His control and care today?



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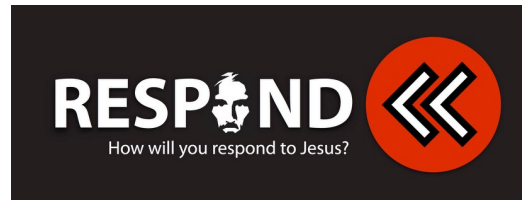
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
Nov. 6, 2016



John 6:26-27 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. But don’t be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you.”

We seek Life through satisfaction.

“But living a just and holy life requires one to be capable of an objective and impartial evaluation of things: to love things, that is to say, in the right order, so that you do not love what is not to be loved, or fail to love what is to be loved, or have a greater love for what should be loved less, or an equal love for things that should be loved less or more, or a lesser or greater love for things that should be loved equally.” (Saint Augustine - On Christian Doctrine, I.27-28)

John 6: 27-30:

Ecclesiastes 3:11

We seek Life through self-salvation.

John 6:55-58

John 6:60-70 Many of his disciples said, “This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?”⁶¹ Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? ⁶³ The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But some of you do not believe me.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn’t believe, and he knew who would betray him.)⁶⁵ Then he said, “That is why I said that people can’t come to me unless the Father gives them to me.” ⁶⁶ At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, **“Are you also going to leave?”**⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, **“Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God. ”** ⁷⁰ Then Jesus said, “I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil.”

Big Idea: We find Life by choosing to deposit our life into the loving care & control of Jesus.