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June 18, 2017

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  - 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?
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- 3) Was there anything that confused you? That you disliked or that concerned you?
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- 5) Do you agree that the only way to experience resurrection power is to suffer and die daily? Why or why not? How do you feel about this teaching?
- 6) Read Colossians 3:5-10 and Ephesians 4:17-5:20. What are some of the things in your life that you need to put to death that you might know Jesus more deeply and experience His resurrection power? What steps does God want you to take in this regard? What is your part and what is God's part?
- 7) Could you say with Paul "pattern your lives after mine"? Where are you living an exemplary life, and where are you not? What is God asking you to do?
- 8) What are some of the things you need to add/remove from your family dynamic to experience Jesus in greater ways? Consider this in light of marriage, parenting, relationships with parents and siblings etc.
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## SEQUOIA NOTES

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

#### Pursuing the Ultimate Goal Together

With David Hood - Church Planting Apprentice  
June 18, 2017 - Happy Father's Day!



Philippians 3:1-17 Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.

<sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. <sup>3</sup> For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, <sup>4</sup> though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

<sup>5</sup> I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. <sup>6</sup> I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

<sup>7</sup> I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. <sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, <sup>11</sup> so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

<sup>12</sup> I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. <sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

<sup>15</sup> Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. <sup>16</sup> But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

<sup>17</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.

Paul realized his works and pedigree could not save him.

Paul realized he'd been living for the wrong things with the wrong motives.

Knowing Jesus is what we were made for.

Knowing Jesus satisfies all of our deepest longings.

Paul wants to experience resurrection power.

Ephesians 2:1-5

Romans 6:4-14

To experience resurrection power we need to suffer and die daily.

Colossians 3:5-10

You cannot become like Jesus if you do not know Jesus.

**BIG IDEA: The Ultimate Goal of Life is to know Jesus and experience His resurrection power.**

**Am I living an exemplary life?**

**Reflective questions:** What is keeping me from knowing Jesus more deeply? What is keeping me from experiencing His resurrection power? Where am I living an exemplary life, and where am I not?

**Family Action:** Evaluate what you need to “add & remove” from your family dynamic to experience Jesus in greater ways.

**IC Action:** Evaluate what you need to “add & remove” from your IC dynamic to experience Jesus in greater ways.

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