

SEQUOIA NOTES

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

A Symbol and a Source of Blessing

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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What is God's vision for Sequoia?

- **Kingdom assignments will have opposition.**

Zechariah 8:1-6 Then another message came to me from the Lord of Heaven's Armies: ² "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: My love for Mount Zion is passionate and strong; I am consumed with passion for Jerusalem! ³ "And now the Lord says: I am returning to Mount Zion, and I will live in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City; the mountain of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will be called the Holy Mountain. ⁴ "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Once again old men and women will walk Jerusalem's streets with their canes and will sit together in the city squares. ⁵ And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls at play. ⁶ "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: All this may seem impossible to you now, a small remnant of God's people. But is it impossible for me? says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

- **Kingdom assignments are a foretaste of what it looks like when Jesus reigns as King.**

Zechariah 8:9-13 This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Be strong and finish the task! Ever since the laying of the foundation of the Temple of the Lord of Heaven's Armies, you have heard what the prophets have been saying about completing the building. ¹⁰ Before the work on the Temple began, there were no jobs and no money to hire people or animals. No traveler was safe from the enemy, for there were enemies on all sides. I had turned everyone against each other. ¹¹ "But now I will not treat the remnant of my people as I treated them before, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. ¹² For I am planting seeds of peace and prosperity among you. The grapevines will be heavy with fruit. The earth will produce its crops, and the heavens will release the dew. Once more I will cause the remnant in Judah and Israel to inherit these blessings. ¹³ Among the other nations, Judah and Israel became symbols of a cursed nation. But no longer! Now I will rescue you and make you both a symbol and a source of blessing. So don't be afraid. Be strong, and get on with rebuilding the Temple!

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- **Kingdom assignments are to be a symbol and a source of blessing.**

- **Our Sequoia Family is a symbol and a source of blessing.**

- **Our Regional Kingdom Facility will be a symbol & a source of blessing.**

Big Idea: Seize our Kingdom assignment by faith, to be a symbol & a source of blessing.

v. 13b "So don't be afraid. Be strong, and get on with rebuilding the Temple!"

- **So don't be afraid!**

- **Be strong!**

- **Get building!**

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#1 of 1 — Jan. 27, 2019**

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- 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) Read Zechariah 8:1-6. What characteristics are evident when God's Kingdom comes in its fullness? How does this encourage you?

4) In light of the opposition the Jewish remnant were facing, how do you think they felt hearing these words from God through the prophet Zechariah? What can we apply to our own situation from this scripture?

5) Read Zechariah 8:9-13. Describe the situation these people were facing? What changes is God promising to bring?

6) How can you relate to what these people were experiencing? How does God's Word encourage you as you think about our current reality as a church?

7) In what way is our church family a "symbol and a source of blessing?" How is God asking you to be a "symbol and source of blessing" as individuals and as an Impact Community - Families of Servants on Mission?

8) In what way is our vision for a Regional Kingdom Facility in-line with our vision as a church? What questions do you have in relation to this vision?

9) Read v. 13b. What action step is God asking you to take in relation to "seizing our Kingdom assignment"?



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