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#4 of 5— Nov. 25, 2018**

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2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you? What was your most significant takeaway?

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5) Read John 14:16-20. Why would it be better for Jesus to go away? What role does the Holy Spirit play in our life?

6) How does Eph. 5:18-20 help us understand what it means to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit. How do we yield to the Holy Spirit? Share an example from your own life.

7) Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What promise is contained in this passage? How would you describe your prayer life today? What would make this aspect of your faith journey more meaningful for you?

8) Read Mark 16:15. Who in your sphere of influence needs to hear the Good News of Jesus? Spend some time praying for the people you mention, asking God for the opportunity to share with them.

9) What holy habit is God asking you to embrace so you can live in vital union with Jesus? What action step will you take?



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

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

#### Live in Vital Union with Jesus

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
Nov. 25, 2018



Matthew 28:16-20 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! <sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**Disciple:** A person who has decided to follow and learn from Jesus, so they become like Jesus, and engage in Jesus’ work and mission in the world. Disciples are students, learners, and apprentices of Jesus, who have King Jesus as their primary allegiance.

Matthew 1:23 “Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

Matthew 28:20b (AMP) “And behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. Amen (so let it be).”

John 17:20-21 (NLT) “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.”

**Christ came so we could live in vital union with God, as a witness to the world. How do we live in vital union with God?**

**Big Idea: We experience Oneness with God by embracing holy habits:**

#### • **Practicing the presence of Christ.** “And be sure of this: I am with you...”

Joshua 1:9  
Isaiah 41:10  
Zephaniah 3:17

#### • **Yielding to the Holy Spirit.** “...I am with you always...”

John 14:16-20

Ephesians 5:18-20 (AMP) “Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the [Holy] Spirit *and* constantly guided by Him.”

#### • **Meeting with God in prayer.** “...I am with you always...”

Hebrews 4:14-16

#### • **Working with God until Jesus returns.** “...even to the end of the age.”

Mark 16:15 “And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

### What holy habit will you lean into this week?

#### St. Patrick’s Prayer:

*...Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me...*

### Holy habits put us in a posture to experience Oneness with God.

### Faith in Christ’s work provides the pathway to experience Oneness with God.

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