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Staying Anchored #2 of 3 - Sept. 25, 2016

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  - 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?

2. What resonated with you from the message?

3. Describe and discuss the cultural shifts that are impacting you and your family? What other challenging shifts in culture will the church need to address in the coming days?

4. Read Titus 2:1-10. Compare and contrast the directives that Paul gives to Titus in relation to the different groups in the church. What encourages and challenges you about these lists? What do you need to apply today?

5. Read Titus 2:11-14. Recount what Jesus has done for us. In light of this reality, how should we respond? What does this look where we live, work, and play?

6. What would it look like to be people anchored in the Gospel who are "totally committed to good deeds." Take some time as an IC to ask and seek God on His plan for you and how to live out this truth.

7. Read Hebrews 6:19-20. What does this passage tell us that Jesus has done for us? Why would the writer describe this as an anchor? How does this encourage you today?

8. How has God been speaking to you? Are there things you are anchored to that are not helpful for you? What are your action steps in light of your study?

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

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor Sept. 25, 2016

Titus 2:1-15

### Big Idea: Choosing to live a life that <u>reflects</u> the <u>Gospel anchors</u> us in shifting cultural seas.

2:1 "...promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching."

2:7 "...let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching."

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, <sup>13</sup> while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. <sup>14</sup> He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

John 17:15-19 "I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to this world any more than I do. 17 Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. 18 Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. 19 And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth."

#### Is this Gospel anchoring you today?

Hebrews 6:19-20 "This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. <sup>20</sup> Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek."

