



# IMPACT COMMUNITIES

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Impact Sunday - September 11, 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. (Blessing, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share)
2. If someone were to ask you, "Who are you?" what thoughts would first come to your mind? (Beyond your name!)
3. Why is it essential for Christians to understand what their identity is? What are some of the undesirable results of *doing* "Christian" things without first understanding and believing what it means to *be* a Christian?
4. As an Impact Community, you have the incredible opportunity to live out your Christian identity *with* others. Below you will find some questions that are designed to help you consider together how you could live out that identity with one another in the coming year. Take time to brainstorm some ideas for these questions, and then over the coming weeks decide together what you will commit to live out with each other this upcoming year.

#### **We are children of God who love each other like family:**

- What actions will we commit to in order to express our love for one another?
- How will we make sure we know each other's stories?
- What meals will we share? How often?
- In what ways will we intentionally celebrate together?
- How will we help each other grow in our relationships with Christ?

#### **We are servants of King Jesus committed to serving others:**

- What would good news look like to the people we're called to reach?
- How could we serve our larger church family together?
- What specific projects or events do we need to get involved in to demonstrate the restorative work of God's Kingdom?

#### **We are Holy Spirit-filled missionaries sent as disciples to make disciples:**

- Who are we called to reach?
  - A shared mission? (Are we a "Missionary Family")
  - Or a variety of individual missions? (Are we a "Family of Missionaries?")
- How/where will we invite sojourners to join us?
- What specifically will we do so those we are called to reach will hear the gospel this year?



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

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

### Living Out Our Identity as a Family of Servant Missionaries

With Aaron Richert,  
September 11, 2016

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### September 11

Living out our Identity as a  
Family of Servant Missionaries

**Big Idea:** We aren't what we DO. We do what we ARE.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a *new person*. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, *baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*. 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."

#### As Christ-followers, who are we?

##### Baptized in the name of the Father, we are FAMILY.

Romans 8:14-16 "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."

John 13:34-35 "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

##### Baptized in the name of the Son, we are SERVANTS.

Mark 10:43-45 "...Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

##### Baptized in the name of the Holy Spirit, we are MISSIONARIES.

John 20:21 "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**So... WITH WHOM, and HOW will you live out your God-given identity this year?**

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