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Seeking the Greatest Good #3 of 3, Sept. 25

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  - Who has God led you to Serve this week?
  - In what ways have you been able to Share about Jesus this week?

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4. Read Titus 3:1,8,14. How is God asking you to make a positive impact for the greatest good in your community, place of work, school, or sports team? Discuss as an Impact Community what this will look like as you live out your identity of being a family of servant missionaries.

5. Read Titus 3:2, 9-11. Where do you find it hard to have a gracious attitude? What does true humility look like?

6. Read Phil. 2:3-11. How does living in this way attract people to Jesus?

7. Read Titus 3:3-8. What about the Gospel do you find most compelling? What aspect do you struggle to believe and receive and why is this? In what way is this Gospel the "greatest good" for all?

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

#### Seeking the Greatest Good

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor October 2, 2016

Titus 3:1-15

#### Big Idea: Seek to devote yourself to doing <u>good</u>, for the <u>greater</u> <u>good</u>.

Titus 3:1 Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good.

#### Doing good means we seek to make a positive impact in society:

<sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

<sup>14</sup> Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive.

## Doing good means we operate with a gracious attitude:

<sup>2</sup> They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarrelling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

<sup>9</sup> Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time. <sup>10</sup> If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. <sup>11</sup> For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them.

#### • Doing good means we point people to the greatest good = Jesus!

<sup>3</sup> Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. <sup>4</sup> But—When God our Saviour revealed his kindness and love, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. <sup>7</sup> Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life. <sup>8</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

#### • The Gospel motivates us as believers to do good so that the world is <u>attracted</u> to Jesus.

v. 15b "May God's grace be with you all."

