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Men Wanted June 19, 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.
 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - 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? What did you find helpful or challenging.
3. How does our culture define manhood? What images can you think of from popular culture that depict this definition. What implications does this have for men, families, and society at large?
4. Reflect on John Eldredge's quote about men. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.
5. Read 1 John 4:7 and Romans 5:8. What does it mean to "Lead with love?" How do these passages help us? What is one way you could grow towards "leading with love?"
6. Read Joshua 1:1-9. How do you think Joshua was feeling about the task before him? How does God speak into his life to help him?
7. In what ways do you feel inadequate in your various roles? How does this passage speak into this?
8. Read Col. 3:23-24. How does this passage change our perspective on serving? How does Jesus model this for us? Where can you apply these truths today?
9. Read Deut. 30:19-20. How does this passage challenge you? In what ways do you need to choose life today? What is God saying to you?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

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

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
June 19, 2016 - Happy Father's Day!



"Men wanted for hazardous journey. Low wages, bitter cold, long hours of complete darkness. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in event of success." Ernest Shackleton

"Men want a battle to fight, an adventure to live, and a beauty to rescue. That is what is written in their hearts. That is what little boys play at. That is what men's movies are about. You just see it. It is undeniable." John Eldredge

Big Idea: Embracing God's definition of manhood unlocks a life of true adventure.

What is God's definition of a real man?

Real men Lead with Love, Protect with Courage, Serve with Joy, and Follow Jesus.

Real Men Lead with Love.

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

Romans 5:8

Real Men Protect with Courage.

Joshua 1:9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Real Men Serve with Joy.

Colossians 3:23-24 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

Real Men Follow Jesus.

Deut. 30:19-20 "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Lord I want to be the person you have called me to be. Thank you for loving me in spite of my performance. Thank you for dying for my sin and self-centredness. Thank you for your grace and forgiveness. Thank you for your Holy Spirit who enables me to live with purpose & power. Empower me to lead with love so that the world knows you. Help me to protect with courage so that the weak and vulnerable know there is a God who cares. Empower me to serve with joy so that people see Jesus. Help me to follow hard after you Lord and to join you in the adventure of seeing all things renewed. Amen

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