

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Helping Others Meet Jesus

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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John 1:35-51 (NLT) The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples.³⁶ As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.³⁸ Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them. They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”³⁹ **“Come and see,”** he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus.⁴¹ Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”).⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, **“Come, follow me.”**⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.⁴⁵ Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”⁴⁶ “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” **“Come and see for yourself,”** Philip replied.⁴⁷ As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.”⁴⁸ “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.”⁴⁹ Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.”⁵¹ Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

Isaiah 53:7,10 (NLT) “He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth... But it was the Lord’s good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants.”

- God has placed you on purpose to accomplish His plan.

Sequoia’s Vision statement: We long to see thousands of people experience the Kingdom of Jesus together, wherever we live, work, play, and go.

- God wants to partner with you to bring transformation in others.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (The Voice) “Now all of us, with our faces unveiled, reflect the glory of the Lord as if we are mirrors; and so we are being transformed, metamorphosed, into His same image from one radiance of glory to another, just as the Spirit of the Lord accomplishes it.”

“Evangelism is simply joining in on the conversation the Holy Spirit is already having with someone.” Shaila Visser – Global VP with Alpha

Romans 10:13-15 (NLT) “For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!’”

Big Idea: Partner with God to help others meet Jesus.

What steps can you take today?

- Get to know Jesus & follow where He leads.
- Invite people to experience Jesus for themselves.
- Trust that the Holy Spirit is working in you & in others.



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- 2) Read John 1:35-51. What is the **Context** for this passage? Who is the writer and the recipients? Where does this fit in the book as a whole? What are the circumstances?
- 3) **Observation:** What “jumps out” in this passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions does it raise for you?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this for us?
- 5) In what way did the people in this story partner with God to help others meet and experience Jesus? What was the result of these encounters with Christ?
- 6) Why do you think these men thought Jesus was the Messiah, The Christ?
- 7) Read Isaiah 53. How does this chapter, written 800 years before Jesus was born speak to the identity and purpose of Christ?
- 8) Read Romans 10:13-15. What does this tell us about our role as followers of Christ? How does this inform our responsibility as Impact Communities?
- 9) **Application:** What resonates with you from this message? Where has God placed you currently? How does God want you to partner with Him to bring transformation in others? What action steps can you take this week?



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