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**Sharing the Experience - Dec 20, 2015**

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2. Share about an adventure you experienced with someone that wouldn't have been the same if you were on your own.
3. Share examples of how you have seen or experienced each of the various qualities of deep relationships that were discussed in the message. Which of these relational qualities do you think are more common or rare in our society?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:1. What two things does this passage teach happens when we place our faith in Jesus? What does it mean to be "God's partners"? (6:1, NLT)
5. In the message it was said that a key element of partnership is having a *shared purpose*. Each Impact Community at Sequoia is encouraged to define it's own "shared purpose/mission"- whether it is a neighborhood or a sub-culture in society. What is your IC's shared purpose? How clear/specific is it? As we head into 2016, what could you do as an IC to grow your passion and commitment to the shared mission that God has for you?
6. Taking our relationships with God to the next level involves practicing spiritual disciplines. Visit <http://www.soulshepherding.org/2012/07/spiritual-disciplines-list/> and read together through the disciplines of abstinence and the disciplines of engagement. Which spiritual discipline will you explore in the New Year to experience a deeper relationship with God?
7. In Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-37 we see some powerful descriptions of how the early church lived in community with one another. Even though we don't need to copy everything about how they lived, we can learn and be inspired by them of what it can look like to live as a "family on mission." Brainstorm together some practical things your IC could do that would take your relationships with one another to the *next level*.



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

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

### ADVENTure: Sharing the Experience

With Ryan Dawson and Aaron Richert,  
December 20, 2015



#### Isaiah 41:10

Don't be afraid, for I am **with** you.  
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you.  
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

#### Isaiah 7:14

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is **with** us').

#### Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>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."

**Big Idea: An adventurous life of faith comes from learning to do life WITH GOD and WITH OTHERS.**

Relationships marked by:

- INTIMACY
- COMPANIONSHIP
- SACRIFICE
- JOY
- UNITY
- LOVE

One more key relational quality: PARTNERSHIP

*"Whenever God decides to do something, his very next thought is, "Now who can I do this with?" (Bruxy Cavey)*

What partnership requires:

- A shared PURPOSE (John 8:28-29; Matthew 28:18-20)

**We can experience an adventurous life of faith in 2016 by taking our relationships to the next level...**

- With GOD
- With OTHERS

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