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- 2) What resonated with you from Sunday's sermon? What was new or exciting?
- 3) Was there anything you didn't like? Anything that confused or concerned you or that you have more questions about?
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- 5) Have you ever felt called by God to do something? What was that experience like? How did you respond both initially and over time? If you followed through, how did you experience the closeness and power of God, and what did you see Him do?
- 6) Read Genesis 11:31-12:5a. Is there anything that stands out to you about the calling of Abraham?
- 7) Jesus calls all Christians to do some pretty radical things. What are some of the more challenging calls of Jesus that are binding on all Christians and how are you living them out in your daily life? These were the examples given on Sunday: Matthew 16:24-25; Matthew 10:37-38; Matthew 5:27-28; Matthew 5:38-47; Matthew 28:18-20
- 8) Read John 1:1-18 and Philippians 2:5-11. How is Jesus the true and better Abraham?
- 9) How does knowing that Jesus has taken away the ultimate danger enable us to live more courageously?
- 10) Where are we as individuals and as an IC playing it safe and not entering into the dangerous place of God's will, and what are we going to do about it?



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

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

#### Following God into the Unknown: Abraham

With David Hood,  
Church Planting Apprentice  
July 16, 2017



Genesis 11:31-12:5a

One day Terah took his son Abram, his daughter-in-law Sarai (his son Abram's wife), and his grandson Lot (his son Haran's child) and moved away from Ur of the Chaldeans. He was headed for the land of Canaan, but they stopped at Haran and settled there. 32 Terah lived for 205 years and died while still in Haran. 12:1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."4 So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. 5 He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan.

💡 God gives both general and specific calls

💡 God sometimes appears out of nowhere and calls us

💡 God calls the unlikeliest of people

💡 God sometimes calls us one step at a time

💡 Obedience to God often means leaving one thing in order to receive something else even better

💡 The Christian life is an adventure, full of courageous risks

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried." GK Chesterton

Philippians 2:6-11

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

💡 Jesus is the true and better Abraham

**Big Idea: To experience true adventure answer the call of God to leave the familiar and comfortable**

#### Reflection:

- Where are you playing it safe and not entering into the dangerous place of God's will?
- Where are your IC's playing it safe and not entering into the dangerous place of God's will?

💡 God's will is dangerous, but because of Jesus there is no ultimate danger.