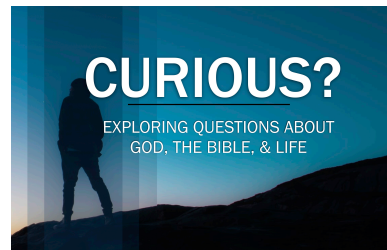


SEQUOIA NOTES

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

The Beautiful Book

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
June 6, 2021



Why is the Bible beautiful and how does it transform our lives?

Hebrews 4:12-13 (NLT) For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

- **God's Word is alive.**

- **God's Word is powerful.**

v. 12 AMP "For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]."

Isaiah 55:10-12 (NLT) "The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. ¹¹ It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."

"Your perfect love casts out all fear." 1 John 4:18

"I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8

"I will never leave or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

"Be strong and very courageous...For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

- **God's Word penetrates us.**

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1 Peter. 2:11 (NIV) "Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul."

What beliefs & behaviours does God want to change in you?

- **God's Word exposes us.**

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Acts 2:37 "Peter's words pierced their hearts..." "the people were cut to the heart."

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- **God's Word leads us to Jesus Christ.**

John 5:39-40 (NLT) "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! ⁴⁰ Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life."

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT) So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Big Idea: Allow God's Word to shape you into the image of Christ.

3 Action steps to help you today....

- **Prioritize your Plan**

- **Listen and Respond**

James 1:22 "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."

- **Give it Away**

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