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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
- 2) What challenged or encouraged you about this message?
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- 4) Read Philippians 2:12-18. What do you find challenging about this passage? What questions does it raise for you? Explain in your own words what v.12-13 means?
- 5) Read Daniel 12:2-3. What does this passage reveal about how we "shine" for God? What implications does this have for you?
- 6) Read Matthew 10:39. What does Jesus say in this passage and what does He mean? How does this relate to the Philippians passage?
- 7) Reflect on 2 Peter 1:19 and Rev. 22:12-17. How is Jesus described in these passages? How does this challenge and encourage you as you seek to live for Christ?
- 8) **Family Action:** In what ways as a family are you living in contrast to the world around you? In what ways are you living like the world, and what needs to change to live in a way that demands a God-Explanation?
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#### **SEQUOIA NOTES**

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

### **Shining Brightly as a Family**

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor June 11, 2017



Philippians 2:12-18 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. <sup>13</sup> For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining and arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. <sup>16</sup> Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. <sup>17</sup> But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. <sup>18</sup> Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.

Big Idea: Work in God's strength, to shine as a family, so others see Jesus.

#### How do we shine as a family or Impact Community?

• Work hard, resting in grace: v. 12-13

Romans 8:1-2 "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death."

Philippians 2:12 MSG "Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure."

- "No whining": v. 14
- Live clean: v. 15

Daniel 12:2-3

- Hold on and hold out the Word of God: v. 16
- Sacrifice for Christ and His Kingdom: v. 17-18

Matthew 10:39

2 Peter 1:19

Rev. 22:12-13,17 "Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End....I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star. <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life."

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