

The War Effort - Economy of Force

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Community:

1. Do you have a favorite board game or strategy game? If so, why is it your favorite?
2. Is there somebody who has influenced your life in a major way? How did they influence you?

Core:

1. **Read Ephesians 6:12.** As we have been looking at the “war effort”, where we are attempting to influence people’s lives (for the sake of Jesus Christ), do you ever find yourself feeling like you are fighting against the people you are trying to influence? What does this verse teach us we are *actually* fighting against?
2. **Read John 3:16-17.** What does this passage teach us about God’s intentions towards us—and towards all people? What can we learn about God’s character and nature from this passage?
3. Scott said that we have been “*uniquely, strategically, and specifically positioned by God to have a certain level of influence in someone’s life*”. Who are the people around you that you feel God has uniquely placed in your life? What does your influence in their lives look like? How can you leverage that influence to impact their lives for the sake of Christ?
4. **Read John 1:35-46.** Focus on Andrew and Philip’s actions and responses. What stands out to you about what they do—and who they go to shortly after meeting Jesus? Do you think you can learn anything from the way they invited people to experience Jesus?
5. How can you simplify your approach when inviting people to experience Jesus? What do you think inviting somebody in your life to “come and see” Jesus looks like for you?
6. **Read Matthew 28:16-20.** Look at verse 17. Why do you think Jesus *still* gave this command; even though some of the people he was speaking to were doubting? What does Jesus teach us about Himself in this passage? How does this passage speak to the doubts you are having about your faith or sharing your faith?

Challenge:

Think about the story of the Israelites and the Red Sea from Scott’s message. Sometimes, doesn’t it feel like there’s a Red Sea standing in the way of us and the people we care about? But just like God did for the Israelites, He can part the Red Sea before us and make the impossible, possible. This week, read **2 Corinthians 3:5** each day, then challenge yourself to review your strategy for inviting people to experience Jesus. Where does God need to show up? How can you simplify your invitation? What does *fully relying on God* look like?