

The War Effort – The Commander's Intent

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Community:

1. What is your favorite war movie or war story?
2. Do you find yourself in a particular struggle during this season of life? If so, what?

Core:

1. Jim Burgen said, "*War is a struggle to achieve a goal*". Do you have a current goal you are trying to achieve in your walk with Jesus? What's getting in the way of achieving it?
2. **Read: John 14:6.** What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life?"
3. **Read Ephesians 2:8-9.** Salvation is a free gift from God—offered to us by what Jesus has done—something we could not do for ourselves. When you think of when you first bumped into Jesus (and placed your faith in Him), how has your life changed since you started following Him?
4. Jim asked for everyone to think of (and write) down the names of people that have never bumped into Jesus. Maybe they are family, friends, or co-workers. Based on what you have already seen Jesus do in your life, how do think their lives could change if they placed their faith in Jesus?
5. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** Jesus first *went to war* for our sake and *commands us* (as His followers) to now go to war for the sake of those who don't know Him: *The Commander's Intent*. With that in mind, how are you *going to war* for the sake of those people you thought about? What's holding you back from sharing your faith with those people? (fear, lack of knowledge, etc.)
6. Jim said, "*There is a Heaven and there is a Hell and every person in history will spend eternity in one or the other based on what they did with Jesus Christ*". How does this truth change the way you think about those around you who have never bumped into Jesus?
7. Be honest with yourself, would you really consider your Christian life a war for the sake of other people's eternity? If not, what needs to change?

Challenge:

The people in our lives need to hear about Jesus and God wants to tell them—through you. In the coming week, make a commitment to, not only pray for the people you wrote down or thought about, but also ask God how He wants to use YOU in their life whether that be sharing your faith with them or inviting them to Church. Their eternities are at stake. Time to go to war.