

Sacred Echo
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Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Do you see the Christian life as an adventure? Why or why not?
2. How is a Christian's daily life more of an adventure than a non-Christian's daily life? How is this true for your life?
3. Do you ever get a song stuck in your head? What was the most recent one?
4. Scott used Buzz and Woody, Batman and Robin, and The Lord of the Rings as examples of people on a quest. What common denominator was he illustrating in these three examples?
5. Read Ecclesiastes 4:12: And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken (ESV). Think of a time in your life when those around you gave you very needed encouragement, rebuke, or warning (in love). Think of a time when you helped encourage, rebuke, or warn (with compassion) someone else. Please share one of these instances.
6. What are some of the words in Scripture which cause Scott to stop, slow down, observe, or study? Why? Are there some words in scripture that catch your special attention and make you pause? If so, what are they and why?
7. Read Hebrews 3:12-13: Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (NKJV). Have you or someone you know hardened their heart through sin which resulted in unbelief and turning away from God? Explain.
8. Scott used several words to explain the definition of exhort: urging, summoning, encouraging, warning, rebuking, and admonishing. Scott said that we should exhort those close to us with passion: our Christian friends, Christian small groups, Christian marriages, and our children.
 - A. Which definition of exhorting is easiest for your personality? Hardest for you? Why?
 - B. In which group (friends, small group, marriage, parenting) do you find yourself exhorting the most? The least? Why?

9. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1: Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more (NASB) The Hebrews passage encouraged us to exhort others, so that unbelief and sin would not overtake them. According to the above Thessalonians passage, what should we be exhorting about?

10. Scott pointed out that we are forgetful people and our beliefs trickle down to the way we behave. In order to exhort in an appropriate way, what must we be in the process of doing? Read Colossians 3:16, Romans 12:2, and Matthew 7:3-4.