

# Message 3 – The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

## Announcements

- THANK YOU to all of our small group hosts and members who served during VBS at the Little Creek campus! Close to 1,000 kids attended with over 500 volunteers and helpers!
- SERVE Day // Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> // All Campuses. Register your small group for a project today. Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/serveday.

#### Warm-up

Share an adventure when you went on a trip that didn't go as planned.

This week we continue week three of our series *God At The Movies.* Today we are going to look at the movie... *The Hobbit* to see what hidden spiritual truths we can apply to our daily lives.

## Word and Application

In the *The Hobbit*, main character Bilbo Baggins 's initial view of adventure was that they 're messy and only make you late for supper. He was unaware that adventure was a part of his destiny and would change his life forever. His mentor Gandalf saw more quality in Bilbo than Bilbo saw in himself. Gandalf saw heroic character and greatness in Bilbo through Bilbo's humility and loyalty; however, Bilbo didn't recognize his own potential.

Similarly, Jesus knocks on the doors of our hearts to step out of our comfort zone. When we choose to turn our lives over to Him, the inheritance we get in return is the fullness and power of God that comes to dwell within you.

**Read 1 Peter 1:29, Ephesians 1:4**, **Zephaniah 3:17 & 1 John 3:1** What does God declare about you in these passages of scripture? Which passage resonates most with you? Do you find any of these declarations difficult to believe about your self?

#### Read: Romans 8:11 & Revelation 3:20

God believes in us and in our potential more than we do, because He created us and knows what is inside of us. By speaking God's promises and declarations daily over your life, what difference can that make in walking out your true potential In Christ?

At the last minute, Bilbo stepped out and chose adventure over the comforts of his home. It's been said that 'Everything you ever wanted is one step outside of your comfort zone.' God has a life full of adventure for you, but just like Bilbo- you have to choose it.

#### Read 1 Corinthians 2:9 & Matthew 14:28

In life, Jesus calls us out upon the waters to help us realize that He is all we need. Is there a time in your life where Jesus was all you had which led to a deeper level of faith in His provision for your need?

Bilbo and the dwarves doubted his value to their mission, but he didn't turn back to the comfort and safety of his home. He stood and fought for the dwarves because he knew they didn't have a home. Likewise, there are people around us that spiritually don't have a home. They are spiritually homeless and wander through life without a true sense of belonging.

Read Ephesians 2:19. How can you apply this verse to your life today?

God has created our spiritual family as the place where we fit in. We discover things about ourselves as we step out of our comfort zone. We begin to recognize the potential we have within us to share with others. Our purpose is to find the courage to step out of the boat and help others find their spiritual home.

What can you do differently each day when talking to people at work, at the grocery store, or at the restaurant to help direct others to a relationship with God and to spiritual family?

## Prayer

Thank God for all He accomplished through Jesus so we could be equipped and filled with His fullness, power, and authority in this world. Ask God to open the eyes of your heart and spirit for opportunities to share your testimony and the truth of the gospel with those who are lost and need a spiritual home. Pray for specific needs of the group.