



Some things, which should not have been forgotten were lost, history became legend, and legend became myth and the ring passed out of all knowledge...

Themes of a Great Story...

Good and Evil—Internal and External to the Heart

- The atheistic philosopher Friedrich Nietche once wrote about the human race “moving beyond good and evil” it simply has not happened. Why have these themes continued to captivate all human beings?
- How is evil presented in the Rings epic? Is it internal to people or external? Or Both?
- How is the Biblical story not a equal dualistic struggle between good and evil?

Battle and Struggle — Hope vs. Despair

- Why do we like stories where people battle insurmountable odds for a cause?
- How do the themes of Hope and Despair play out in our lives. Why could we despair in this world? Why do we have hope?

Parallels to the Truth

The Ring

What parallels might there be the gospel story and the power of the ring?

Hobbits — Deliverance through the Low and Humble

- Goodness—the Nobility of the Hobbits
- Truth—Honest Hobbits
- Beauty—The simple Beauty of the Shire

How does God use the humble to shame the wise?

Desire to part of “the Fellowship” on a true and meaningful mission

- Discuss the importance of community in the mission of God on the earth.

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