

**Re-Think ONE
Doing My Part
John 4:27-42**

Back in January we went through a series together called “Think ONE”

ONE is an acrostic which stands for ...

“Our Next Encounter”

Over the next three weeks we are going to be referring back to the essential truths from that series...

If there is ONE ATTRIBUTE about God that Scripture declares hundreds of times it is this...

God Loves People!

God’s Love is...

... His Essence

1 John 4:8b (ESV) — ... God is love.

... Giving

John 3:16 (ESV) — For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

... Demonstrated

Romans 5:8 (ESV) — But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

... Everlasting

Jeremiah 31:3b (ESV) — ... I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

... the believer’s overflow

1 John 4:19 (ESV) — We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:8 (ESV) — Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Jesus was about a GREAT MISSION.

His MISSION was the INFILTRATION & INAUGURATION of the KINGDOM OF GOD.

In the DEATH, BURIAL, & RESURRECTION of Jesus, the KINGDOM OF GOD was inaugurated.

Every person who gives their life to Jesus has TWO EXPERIENCES:

TRANSACTION: They enter the Kingdom of God

TRANSFORMATION: The Kingdom of God enters them

Luke 17:21 (NIV)

... the kingdom of God is within you.

As BELIEVERS, we are CALLED to the INFILTRATION & INVITATION of the KINGDOM OF GOD for all people.

Therefore,

ONE THING

**We must develop GOD'S passion for people's
SALVATION to match SATAN'S passion for people's
DESTRUCTION**

The measure of our passion will determine the measure of our participation!

1. PRIORITY – Am I DOING what the Lord is doing?

John 4:27–34 (ESV) — Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the town and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

The woman left her water jar to go tell those who had rejected her!

When you have been fully accepted despite your mess, you will accept others despite their rejection

→ STORY – *Viktor Frankl*

In 1930, Frankl earned his MD. He was treating patients suffering from depression...

In 1942, just nine months after his marriage, Frankl and his family were sent to a German concentration camp.

His father died there of starvation and pneumonia.

In 1944, Frankl and the surviving members of his family were transported to Auschwitz, where his mother and brother were murdered in the gas chambers.

His wife died later of typhus in another concentration camp.

Frankl spent three years in four concentration camps

In 1946 Frankl wrote a book in German titled, “A Psychologist Experiences the Concentration Camp”

In 1959 Frankl's book was retitled and translated into English... The new title...

“Man's Search for Meaning”

In a 1991 survey conducted for the Library of Congress and the Book of the Month Club, “Man's Search for Meaning” was named one of the ten most influential books in the US.

In his book “Man's Search for Ultimate Meaning”, psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl observed:

"Man is originally characterized by his 'search for meaning' rather than his 'search for himself.' The more he forgets himself—giving himself to a cause or another person—the more human he is. And the more he is immersed and absorbed in something or someone other than himself, the more he becomes himself"

- ***Our BUSINESS keeps us from fulfilling God's BUSINESS.***

Luke 9:24 (ESV) — For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

1 John 4:17b (ESV) — ... as he is so also are we in this world.

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1. PRIORITY – Am I DOING what the Lord is doing?

2. PERCEPTION – Am I SEEING what the Lord is doing?

John 4:35–36 (ESV) — 35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. 36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

Having an agricultural setting, Jesus uses this to illustrate reality.

Workers on a large farm will sow in the spring in order to harvest crop in the fall.

Proverb: "There is yet four months, then comes the harvest."

Jesus uses this saying to alter their view.

STORY OF JOHN 4:

Jesus and his disciples had been in Judea baptizing many followers.

John 4:35b (ESV)

Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

They were FOCUSED on LUNCH more than LIVES!

- ***The tyranny of the URGENT will often obstruct our view of the IMPORTANT.***

John 5:19 (ESV)

... the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

Have you allowed your *VIEW* to obstruct your *VISION*?

“Lord, let me see people today”

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3. PARTNERING – Am I *JOINING* what the Lord is doing?

John 4:37–38 (ESV) — For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.’

Matthew 28:19a (ESV) — Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ...

The “GO” in this passage is NOT a command, but a participle...

The command is “MAKE DISCIPLES”

Jesus actually is saying,

“As you are going about everyday life, make disciples of all people...”

Luke 6:40 (ESV) — A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

➤ ***Jesus' great MISSION has become our great CO-MISSION!***

Jesus tells His disciples:

“... I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor...”

They went to town and NEVER SAW the harvest.

Luke 10:2 (ESV)

And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

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4. PROCLAIMING – Am I *SHARING* what the Lord is doing?

John 4:39–42 (ESV) — Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what

you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

The woman simply shared her testimony!

What's your story?

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (ESV)

... in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

We must develop God's passion for people's salvation to match Satan's passion for people's destruction

➤ ***I am SOMEONE'S next divine ENCOUNTER!***

Harvard professor Arthur C. Brooks

"Effective missionaries present their beliefs as a gift. And sharing a gift is a joyful act, even if not everyone wants it."

- ***answer the two main questions***

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match _____ passion for people's _____

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