

# ONE QUESTION TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

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## I. ONE QUESTION TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

- *The right question will change the trajectory of your life*
- *The One Question to change your life: Why are you Here?*

## II. FOUR QUESTIONS FROM JESUS THAT REVEAL WHY YOU ARE HERE

### *#1 The Motive Question - What do you want?*

#### **John 1:35-38 (NLT)**

<sup>35</sup>The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus looked around and saw them following. **"What do you want?"** he asked them.

**John 1:38 (ESV)** Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, **"What are you seeking?"**

#### **John 1:38-39 (NLT)**

<sup>38</sup>Jesus looked around and saw them following. **"What do you want?"** he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>"Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

- **Zéteó** - *I seek, search for, desire*
- Relationship is the state in which two or more people are connected.
- Proximity does not equal relationship
- Jesus uses "What do You Want" to reveal our motives with Him

## **#2 The Identity Question – “What is your name?”**

**Mark 5:6-8** <sup>6</sup>When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.<sup>7</sup> With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” <sup>8</sup> For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”

**Mark 5:9** Then Jesus demanded, “**What is your name?**” And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.”

- **Onoma** - *the manifestation or revelation of someone's character*
- If you don't Define the Problem, the Problem will Define You

**Mark 5:15** A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.”

- Jesus uses “What is your name” to Change our Identity to His

## **#3 The Trust Question - Why Did You Doubt?**

### **Matthew 14:29-31**

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted. <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “**Why did you doubt me?**”

- Our physical situation is often a misrepresentation of the spiritual reality
- The Same God who got you Here will get you There
- Jesus uses “Why did you doubt?” to Build Trust in Him

## **#4 The Mission Question - Do you love me?**

### **John 21:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, **do you love me** more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, **do you love me?**” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

**Matthew 9:36-38**

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

**John 21:17** The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

- Unconditional Love for Someone is Proven through Action
- Jesus uses “Do you love me?” to Inspire Action for His Mission
- One Question Will Change Your Life.

**Four Questions from Jesus that Reveal Why you are Here**

#1 The Motive Question - What do you want?

#2 The Identity Question – “What is your name?”

#3 The Trust Question - Why Did You Doubt?

#4 The Mission Question - Do you love me?