

WHO'S YOUR ONE?

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Introduction

- We're looking at the most sobering scene in Scripture: The Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15).
- At this throne, the holiness of God collides with the sinfulness of man.
- Every unbeliever will stand before Jesus as judge.
- Question to frame the whole message: *If this is true, Who's Your One?* Who's the one person in your life who, if nothing changes, will be at this judgment?

The Judge on the Throne (v. 11)

- The throne is: *great* (majestic, unmatched), *white* (pure, holy), and it is *throne* (absolute authority).
- The judge is Jesus Christ Himself (Acts 17:31).
- Application: This is not a myth or metaphor—your “one” will one day stand before Him.

The People Before the Throne (vv. 12-13)

- *Who will be there?* Every unbeliever—atheist, agnostic, religious, spiritual, denominational, even those who called Jesus “Lord” without truly knowing Him.
- *Both great and small*—from kings to the unknown, all are equal before the throne.
- *Books opened*—every word, thought, and deed revealed. No defense, no excuses.
- Application: Your “one” might look successful, moral, or even “religious,” but apart from Christ they are on this path to judgment.

The Finality of the Judgment (vv. 14-15)

- Those not written in the Book of Life are cast into the lake of fire—the second death.
- Hell is real: eternal separation, torment, and wrath.
- No appeals, no second chances.
- Application: If this is true, then *eternity is on the line for your one*.

The Hope Before the Throne (John 14:6; Heb. 2:3)

- The only escape is Jesus—He bore God’s wrath on the cross.
- There’s only one way but thank God there is a way.
- Salvation is available today but must be received personally.
- Application: Who's the one God has placed in your life to hear this hope from you?

Conclusion and Call to Action

- *Who's Your One?* is not a program; it's a plea.
- If this is the reality of Revelation 20, then we cannot stay silent.
- Call the church to pray, pursue, and proclaim Christ to their one.
- Close with urgency: *Imagine your one standing at this throne—what will you wish you had said or done today?*

REACHING LIKE JESUS

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Introduction: What Does It Mean to Reach?

- Jesus commanded: “Go and make disciples” (Matt. 28:19).
- Tucked into the Great Commission is the expectation that disciples go—they reach.
- Jesus’ mission: “I have come to seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10).
- **Bottom line:** Followers of Jesus *reach others for Jesus*.
- Question: *Who's your one? Who is the person God has placed in your life that needs you to reach them?*

The Problem of the T-Ball Church

- Sometimes, the church seems like coaching little league T-ball. Kids don’t understand the game. They run around, get distracted, and don’t know what they’re supposed to do.
- Many churches are the same: Running around, distracted, not understanding the purpose of the church.
- The true goal: Reaching people for Jesus.
- Paul’s life mission: *to testify of the gospel of grace* (Acts 20:24).
- *Who's your one?* Don’t miss the goal of the Christian life.

How Do We Reach Our One? Four Practices

1. Pray for Your One

- Paul prayed for the lost (Romans 10:1).
- Churches that reach people pray regularly for lost people by name.
- Some have said, “If you don’t talk to Jesus about people, you won’t talk to people about Jesus.”
- Start with *where you live, work, and play*. Identify names, write them down, and pray daily.

2. Invite Your One

- “Go into the highways and compel them to come in,” (Luke 14:23).
- 83% of unchurched people would attend church if invited; only 2% of Christians invite in a year.
- Live invitationally. Your one may come if you simply invite them.

3. Invest in Your One

- Let your light shine (Matthew 5:14-16).
- Look for life crises (emotional, physical, relational, financial). Crises are open doors for gospel conversations.
- God comforts us so we can comfort others (2 Cor. 1:4).
- Be intentional in serving, listening, loving, and blessing.

4. Introduce Your One to Jesus

- Don't stop at prayer, invitation, or service—point them to Jesus Himself.
- Someone reached you. You can reach your one.
- You're not a cul-de-sac, but a freeway for the gospel.

The Gospel We Share

- All have sinned and deserve separation from God.
- But God reached out in Jesus—He died in our place and rose again.
- Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ alone.
- If you are following Jesus, you are called to reach others.

Conclusion and Call to Action

- Paul at the end of his life: "I have fought the good fight, finished the course, kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).
- Will you finish your race having reached your one?
- Practical steps this week:
 - Identify your one.*
 - Pray for your one.*
 - Look for opportunities to invite, invest, and introduce.*
- Imagine the difference if every believer reached one.

FOR THE ONE

BY DANNY FORSHEE

Introduction: The Heart of the One

- Jesus models the heart of the Father in going after the one who is lost (Luke 15:4).
- The call to reach your one begins not with strategy, but with spiritual preparation—walking with Jesus daily.
- The enemy discourages believers from witnessing, but you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Philippians 4:13).
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach and empower us to go after our one.

Walk with Jesus to Witness for Jesus

- The foundation for evangelism is fellowship with Christ
- “When Jesus is on your mind, He will come out of your mouth.”
- Evangelism is spiritual work. It flows from being filled with the Spirit and armed with the Word (Ephesians 5:18, 6:10–18).
- Jesus was in complete and perfect union with the Father and never missed an opportunity to minister, share, and witness (John 5:19).
- The measure of you walk with God will determine the measure of your witness of God.

Follow Jesus' Example: Five Words that Reflect the Journey of Evangelism

1. Obedience

- Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-19).
- Following always leads to fishing (Matthew 4:19).
- If you've been disobedient in witnessing, ask for forgiveness and power (Acts 1:8).
- Evangelism begins with a simple “yes” to the Spirit’s prompting.

2. Listen

- Jesus asked over 300 questions in the Gospels. He listened deeply. (Source: Martin Copenhaver, *Jesus Is the Question*)
- Questions Jesus asked: Matthew 16:15, 20:32, Mark 10:18
- Ask good questions like, “Can you tell me more about that?”
- Listening shows value and opens hearts to the gospel.

3. Creativity

- Jesus engaged people differently, no one-size-fits-all approach. (Nicodemus, the woman at the well, Zacchaeus).
- When you walk with God, He gives you creative ways to share His truth.
- Be sensitive to the Spirit and open to new ways of engaging people.

4. Boldness

- Paul asked twice for boldness (Ephesians 6:19-20).
- Boldness is not pushiness; it's Spirit-empowered confidence (1 Peter 3:15).
- Overcome the twin fears of failure and rejection by focusing on Jesus, not yourself.
- You may be rejected but remember—Jesus was too.

5. Cumulative

- Cumulative means “to increase by successive additions” (Merriam-Webster).
- Cumulative effect is “an effect produced by something happening over a long period of time” (Dictionary.com).
- God multiplies small, consistent acts of obedience.
- The early church saw great harvests because believers witnessed daily (Acts 2:11).
- As we each share with one, God builds a culture of evangelism that changes a city.

Conclusion and Call to Action: For the One

- The gospel advances one conversation at a time, one person at a time.
- *Who is your one?* Who is the person God has placed in your path that needs to know Jesus?
- Commit today to:
 - Obey*** the Spirit's leading.
 - Listen*** to others' stories.
 - Be creative*** in your approach.
 - Pray*** for boldness.
 - Stay faithful***—God will bring the increase.

Challenge: Write your one's name down. Pray for them daily. Look for opportunities to engage and share Christ. Because when we each reach one, the gospel reaches everyone.

DOES ONE REALLY MATTER?

BY WAYNE BRAY

Introduction

- *Text:* Luke 15:1-7 (Parable of the Lost Sheep), John 3:16
- *Main Idea:* God's heart is for the one who is lost, and His mission is now our mission.

God's Concern for the One

- The shepherd notices when even one sheep is missing (vv. 3-4).
- Every person matters deeply to God.

God's Pursuit of the One

- The shepherd goes after the lost until He finds it (v. 4).
- God relentlessly seeks the lost through Christ.

God's Joy in the One

- Heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents (vv. 5-7).
- Sharing the gospel brings eternal joy and glory to God.

Conclusion and Call to Action

Who's your one? If heaven rejoices over one, we should be willing to pray for one, pursue one, and share the gospel with one.

Community Information

In the middle of the sermon, share statistical information about the community. This helps show lostness and the need for the gospel.

EACH ONE, REACH ONE

BY DWAYNE MILIONI

Introduction

- Evangelism without purpose is aimless. God's purpose for reaching the lost can be summarized in a phrase: "World Conquest" (Acts 1:8).
- Philippian jailor asked the most important question, "Sir, what must I do to become saved?" (Acts 16:30).

The Holy Spirit Empowers the Church to Reach the Lost

- The commission to go (Mark 16:15).
- The commission to *make* (Matt 28:18-20).
- The commission to *proclaim* (Luke 24:44-49).
- The commission to be *sent* (John 20:21).
- The commission to *conquer* (Acts 1:8).

Explanation:

You will receive power to spread the gospel. When the Holy Spirit has come upon you—similar to receiving power.

- Who empowers the church to reach the lost? *The Holy Spirit*
- What does the Holy Spirit do to empower us? *He indwells us*
- When does the Holy Spirit empower us? *Upon conversion*
- Where does the Holy Spirit empower us? *Within*
- Why does the Holy Spirit empower us? *To finish what Christ began*
- How does the Holy Spirit empower us? *By His will, His Word, and His people*

Disciples Accomplish the Purpose for Reaching the Lost

- Jesus is handing us authority to make disciples. Just as Jesus was sent from the Father, we are sent into the world by Jesus. We are His ambassadors (Matthew 28:18-19, John 20:21, 2 Corinthians 5:20).
- The Holy Spirit has empowered us to make disciples (Acts 1:8).
- God's purpose in evangelism does not end with conversion. Conversion commences a disciple's life. Discipleship leads to obedience, which glorifies God. God's plan begins by each of us committing ourselves to the Great Commission: Each one reach one, and help them to become like Jesus.

Who's Your One?

- 90% of those who come to a church come by way of a simple invitation
- 93.7% of our population lives where they have a witnessing church, but most Christians are not sharing their faith, usually about 2% do on a regular basis
- Less than 10% of evangelical churches are growing
- Oswald Chambers: "The church will either evangelize or fossilize."

How to Be a Modern American Witness for the Gospel

- Acknowledge God's power and the Holy Spirit's anointing
- Fellowship with willing people. Jesus spent most of His time with a few men and women. He needed to train them to train others, etc.
- Commit to making disciples as a lifestyle, which establishes an ongoing ministry.
- Have a "witness as you go" mentality, like Jesus, who had a natural way of sharing the good news. We must deny ourselves and give our lives away, so that we can be used to win others.
- Use the power of prayer, seek the Lord of the harvest.
- Grow in your knowledge of Scripture.

Conclusion and Call to Action

- Our power to witness is revealed in transformed lives; lives that manifest and radiate the beauty of the teachings and character of the risen Christ.
- Jesus is worth sharing. One day all will hear. Be a part of His eternal plan of redemption (Philippians 2:10, Revelation 5:9).
- Robert Coleman: "Christian disciples are sent men and women—sent to do the same work that the Lord was sent, and for which He gave His life. Evangelism is not an optional accessory to our life. It is the heartbeat of all that we are called to be and do. It is the commission of the church which gives meaning to all else undertaken in the Name of Christ. With this purpose clearly in focus, everything which is done and said has glorious fulfillment of God's redemptive purpose."
- He that wins souls is wise (Proverbs 11:30)

THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

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Primary Text: Luke 15:1-7

Primary Takeaway: Jesus deeply cared for lost and needy sinners, and so should we.

Introduction

- How Jesus feels about the religious and self-important
- How Jesus feels about lost and needy sinners
- Regular, run-of-the-mill, vagabonds who are in close proximity to Jesus and religious people asking, “Jesus, why are you with these people?”

Jesus and People

- Sinners, Broken, and Worldly
- Pharisees, Scribes, and Religious People

Jesus and Principle

- Unyielding in His pursuit
- Filled with mercy towards us
- Brings us home
- Rejoices over us

Jesus and Purpose

- You need Jesus
- You know Jesus and help others know Him

Conclusion

- Jesus left the 99 and went after the 1.
- If you are a believer in Christ, you have a responsibility to take the gospel to the world.
- So, who's your one?

Prayer Prompts

- Pray for the people who are writing their one.
- Pray for revival. Pray for transformed lives.
- Pray for the people to bring their one's name to the feet of the Good Shepherd.