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**THE POWER OF ONE –** *A study of John 17*

***The Mission of ONE – John 17:14-19***



**ONE** is a **powerful** number when it is made up of **many**.

Over the last two weeks, we have learned about the **glory and the** **joy of one** … the glory of one is when we are telescopes that **magnify** the glory of who God is **by our oneness with God and each other.** Last week, we found **the joy of being** **one** as a follower of Jesus. Seeking to live in the oneness Jesus called us to is **a joyful experience** living life with the steadfast assurance that God is in control.

**Jesus prayed that you and He would be ONE, that we would be ONE!** That all who believe and put their faith in Jesus as savior would be one! A oneness that overcomes faults, failures, sins, differences, hostility, division … many becoming **ONE** only happens because of what Jesus was willing to do on the cross for you and me. **He prayed** that we would be one so that others would see God and believe that Jesus was sent by the Father for the redemption of humanity.

Our **what** has to be preceded by our **why**.

*that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us,* ***so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*** John 17:21

Oneness is a **light** that shines brightest in the **darkest** of times.

*A new commandment I give to you,* ***that you love one another****: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.* ***By this all people will know*** *that* ***you are my disciples****, if you have love for one another.”* John 13:34–35

Oneness gives purpose and **mission** to our lives.

*I have given them* ***your******word****, and the* ***world has hated******them*** *because they are* ***not of the world****, just as I am not of the world.* ***I do not ask*** *that you* ***take them out*** *of the world, but that* ***you keep them from the evil one****. They are not of the world, just as* ***I am not of the world****. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so* ***I have sent them into the world****. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.* John 17:14–19

We are called to take The **Word** to the **world**.

*I have given them* ***your******word …*** John 17:14a

Our mission is The **Word**.

*In the beginning was the* ***Word****, and the* ***Word*** *was with God, and the* ***Word******was******God****. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* John 1:1–5

*But we will devote ourselves to prayer and* ***to the ministry of the word.***Acts 6:4

… in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the **message of reconciliation.** 2 Corinthians 5:19

*Therefore, put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and* ***receive with meekness the implanted word****, which is able to save your souls.* James 1:21

Our mission field in the **world**.

*and the* ***world has hated******them*** *because they are* ***not of the world****, just as I am not of the world.* John 17:14b

*They are* ***not of the world****, just as I am not of the world.* John 17:16

As **you sent me** into the world, so **I have sent them into the world**. John 17:18

***I do not ask*** *that you* ***take them out*** *of the world, but that* ***you keep them from the evil one****.* John 17:15

The world is a **war** zone.

**For all practical purposes the world is a dangerous place** to live because for all of its beauty, people, riches … there is an enemy; there is sin and evil that lurks in the shadows that desires to distract, to bring about disunity, and ultimately try to destroy all that is for God’s glory.

*For* ***we do not wrestle against******flesh and blood****, but against the* ***rulers****, against the* ***authorities****, against the* ***cosmic powers*** *over this present* ***darkness****, against* ***the spiritual forces of evi****l in the heavenly places.* Ephesians 6:12

Two **landmines** to avoid:

Beware of **loving** the world.

***Do not love the world*** *or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.* 1 John 2:15

Beware of **conforming** to the world.

***Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold****, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.* Romans 12:2 (Phillips)

May we be **committed** to the mission.

***Sanctify*** *them in the truth;* ***your word is truth****.* John 17:17

*And for their sake I* ***consecrate*** *myself, that they also may be* ***sanctified*** *in truth.* John 17:19

**What can I do? What should I do?**

What are you doing with your life? You and I are protected for a purpose and sanctified to be sent. **Do not waste His sacrifice on a   
life of self.**

**Our Mission of Oneness** is …

Take The Word to the world. What does the world need?

Give them **Jesus**.

Show **grit** in our **oneness** as a family.

Grit is defined as having passion and perseverance in the midst of setbacks, struggles and strife.

*Let us hold fast* ***the confession of our hope*** *without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us* ***consider how to stir up one another to love and good works****, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* Hebrews 10:23–25

Imagine a world where we live shining light on the word in the darkness of the world, where we are … ONE.

*There is* ***one*** *body and* ***one*** *Spirit—just as you were called to the* ***one*** *hope that belongs to your call—* ***one*** *Lord,* ***one*** *faith,* ***one*** *baptism,* ***one*** *God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.* Ephesians 4:4–6