

What if?



Lesson 6: What if we were consumed with people's eternity?

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"I would think it a greater happiness to gain one soul to Christ than mountains of silver and gold to myself." **Matthew Henry**

"I care not where I go or how I live or what I endure so that I may save souls. When I sleep I dream of them; when I awake they are first in my thoughts...no amount of scholastic attainment, or able and profound exposition, of brilliant and stirring eloquence can atone for the absence of a deep, impassioned, sympathetic love for human souls." **David Brainerd**

Dominant Life Principles

1. Circumstances
2. Convenience
3. Criticism
4. Conviction

Developing passion for peoples eternal state

Focus on:

1. Eternity

2. Responsibility
3. Conversions

Turning passion into conversions

1. Pray

"The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history." *Andrew Murray*

Turning passion into conversions

2. Shine [Matthew 5:14 -16]

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." *St. Francis of Assisi*

"Kindness makes a person attractive. If you would win the world, melt it, do not hammer it." *Alexander Maclaren*

"More people have been brought into the church by the kindness of real Christian love than by all the theological arguments in the world." *William Barclay*

Turning passion into conversions

3. Share or Invite [Romans 10:17]

25% of adults would go to church if someone invited them,
Barna Research Group

John 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." *New International Version*

John 1:44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. **45 Philip found Nathanael** and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom

the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
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John 1:46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”
Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. ***New
International Version***

John 1:47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of
him, “Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false.”
48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered,
“I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip
called you.” ***New International Version***

John 1:49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of
God; you are the King of Israel.” ***New International Version***

“The only time we lose is when we don’t share our
faith.” ***Mark Cahill***