

EDUCATE INSPIRED

Kit: Video + Workbook

*This workbook was created to accompany the EDUCATE INSPIRED Video Keynote by John O'Leary. John took his most popular keynote – shared with more than 500,000 people around the world – and crafted it to reignite educators. This kit is best used during teacher in-service days / when educators, administrators or facilitators have 90+ minutes [60 minutes to watch the video and complete the worksheet + 30 minutes to discuss]. Enjoy and remember:
Today is your day. Live Inspired!*

1. IS HE READY? This is the question John’s dad asked as he came to pick John up to go home after spending five months in the hospital after the house fire that nearly took his life. John shares how he was ready, thanks to the work and service of SO many... not unlike a semester of schooling... or the culmination of schooling at a graduation ceremony.

Take a moment to reflect on what it means to you, to serve each day so that a student is *ready* to move on to the next class, grade, school, chapter in life thanks to the work you do each day.

2. JOHN SHARES THAT HIS TEACHERS, MS. PATTY AND MS. CATHY, were the first to help him return back to “normalcy.” Are you aware that you provide that service, *that gift*, to your students every day? That no matter what they are going through, in your classroom they just get to be one of the students? What does this mean to you?

3. WHY ME? WHO CARES? WHAT MORE CAN I DO? Do you tend to ask these questions each day as a *victim* or *victor*? Think of one challenge you are facing at work today. How can you better approach it (ask these questions) with a *victor* attitude?

4. JOHN DISCUSSES THE DIFFERENCE OF SEEING LIFE THROUGH A LENS OF LOVE instead of a lens of **FEAR**. Are you currently using a lens of love? How could/does this improve your day and your impact on your students?

5. **JOHN SHARES THE STORY OF HOW LEVEL THE JANITOR** directly impacted his successful recovery. How can you help your colleagues recognize that their work – each person in this school’s work - matters profoundly?

6. **AT JOHN O’LEARY DAY AT THE BALLPARK:** John was a little boy in a wheel chair. He couldn’t walk. He had scars. He had no fingers. It was a broken sad image, but Jack Buck chose to see not only the scars but also the hope and the joy. He took in the good and the bad.

Think of a time you’ve been able to embrace a student, teacher or administrator, look past their weaknesses and celebrate their strengths. What was that experience like? Or... if it didn’t quite happen that way: What might have been the result if it had happened that way?

7. **“GREAT TEACHING, PARENTING + LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT MEETING people where they are.”** One example of this truth is Jack Buck teaching John how to write by sending him an autographed baseball and requesting a thank you note in order to get another signed ball. Can you think of another example from your life or work?

8. **WHAT ONE TAKE AWAY FROM OUR TIME TOGETHER** can you apply in your work now?

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